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EDITOR'S NOTE

In a week that Leaving Cert Students received their results and 2nd class pupils finally got to make their First Holy Communion we have a packed magazine for you. As the celebrations for these events, which were all postponed due to COVID-19, took place, the

message remains the same. - Stay Safe - Use your own judgement and take personal responsibility for protecting yourself, your friends and your family. The virus is on the increase in Ireland and we need to act now to protect the vulnerable in our communities. In an effort to stop

the spread of the virus, it is advised to limit congregation and social interaction among households and to adhere to government guidelines. **#staysafe #holdfirm #protecteachother #wearyourmask**

Aisling Crosbie,
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Popular Radio presenter passes away



Friday 8th October 2010. Pictured at the PPI Radio Awards 2010 celebrating 10 years of excellence in radio Lyrath Estate in Kilkenny were winners of the best Specialist Speech Programme Award Category Radio Kerry, John Hurley for Kerrywide.
PICTURE JASON CLARKE PHOTOGRAPHY

There was widespread shock and sadness when the news broke that popular Radio Kerry presenter Sean Hurley passed away suddenly on Tuesday.

His death was announced by Radio Kerry who said that they were saddened to announce the news.

"It is with extreme sadness Radio Kerry announces the sudden death of our colleague and friend Sean Hurley.

Sean has worked with the station since its early days and was the presenter of our Kerrywide programme.

He had travelled throughout Kerry for many years collecting stories, songs, music and poems from all parts of the county", a post on their social media page said.

"Sean was the winner for an PPI Radio Award for his work, and has been nominated on numerous occasions for other awards including on Monday of this week when he was shortlisted for this years IMRO Radio Awards for the Kerrywide programme. Sean was a much loved colleague and friend to everyone in Radio Kerry and the Board of Radio Kerry and all staff wish to extend their sympathies to all his family at this time.

His contribution to Radio Kerry and communities throughout Kerry is immeasurable".

Everyone at Killarney Outlook is saddened by Sean's passing. He was a gentleman and was well loved by everyone he met during his career in radio.

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

Stunning mural adorns Chapel Lane wall

A stunning mural on the wall at the entrance of Chapel Lane is a welcome addition to the art works in the town and it is all the work of the Art Department at Killarney Community College.

"Killarney Looking Good Committee is delighted to have worked with Michelle Mahony and the Art Department in Killarney Community College on an art project for display in the town. The project themes chosen were nature, our local environment, Killarney's heritage. The project which began in October 2019 was delayed as a result of Covid 19 and has only now been installed in recent days", Eileen O'Donoghue, from the KillarneyMunicipal District area.

Students, from 5th Year in Killarney Community College, made individual ceramic tiles using fresh clay. Each tile was glazed using an array of colours and fired in the kiln twice. Michelle Mahony, their

art teacher, created a design based on one of the windows in Muckcross Abbey. The students did not know the design until it was revealed to them once the piece was finished. When creating their tiles, students had to leave some areas plain and glazed completely white. These areas made up the shape of the Muckcross Abbey window. Each tile is a mini artwork in itself with the detail that students added. There is over 170 tiles in total that make up the ceramic artwork. The project was also aided by an SNA in the school who is also a ceramic artist Dóirín Duggan. It is intended the piece will be a feature to enhance Chapel Lane. The installation at this location is appropriate given the ecclesiastical links to the lane. The project was funded through the Community Enhancement Programme of the Department of Rural and Community Development.



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Marie meets Zoe and her Great Nana

Like many major milestones and events which we looked forward to pre Covid19, it's the children I felt for the most.

It was wonderful to see the dapper dudes and glamorous girls finally (not to mention the style of Mammies, Daddies & extended families) enjoy their First Holy Communion day on Saturday. This week I took some time out to catch up Zoe O'Neill (8) pictured with her Great Nana Mai O'Donoghue, who is 102 years young and seated beneath an amazing portrait of herself by Dublin artist Ted Jones, one of Ireland's most gifted artists of his generation who called Killarney home for many years.

“I was due to have my First Holy Communion on 25th April and Mrs Coleman, Lissivigeen NS had us well prepared” Zoe told me. “And how did you feel when you realised it would have been postponed Zoe” I asked. “I felt annoyed, disappointed but worried too” she said “I was disappointed for myself and for all the children but I was worried for the people with Coronavirus also. I'm so delighted that the day finally arrived Marie”.

“So what did you get up to during lockdown Zoe” I had to ask. Zoe has four brothers Max, Aaron, Finn & Oscar where she is wedged in the middle, two brothers either side of her. “It wasn't so bad at all. I did lots of running and cycling in the National Park. I really like to paint, draw and read so that kept me busy. I was sad that I didn't get to do group things like play soccer with Athletic, football with Legion, swimming with my teacher Florence... but most of all I missed Belief Fit Gym so I decided to work out with my Mum Gemma & Dad Paul instead” Zoe told me. I was exhausted just listening to her. Go Zoe!!! “So what's your favourite exercise at the gym Zoe”? I asked but kinda guessed it was going to be an energetic one. “I love burpees and tricks on the bar Marie, they're the best”. Oh my word, time to move on, burpees are the absolute worst for me!!! “And after lockdown Zoe, did you get to have a little staycation somewhere nice to get away from it all”? I asked. “Yes, we went to Dingle. It was lovely. I absolutely love swimming so I enjoyed the beaches and when I'm home in Killarney I just love to swim at Dundag beach” Zoe said.

“So tell me more Zoe... who was your favourite brother to be locked down with and why”? I asked. She didn't hesitate. “Definitely Aaron. He made a really cool board game which was so much fun and if I was to pick a second place that would go to Finn” Zoe said. Not so bad,



I thought, as these are the two brothers Zoe is most wedged between. “I did miss being around my girlfriends - Elle, Ella, Esme, Shola & Ciara but we caught up lots on Zoom. Zoom was great for ringing my Nana's & Grandad's too. When lockdown was finally over it was so great to see my grandparents again”.

“So how's is it now Zoe being back to a little bit of normality. Are you enjoying being back at school?” I asked. “School is different but it's great to see all of my friends again. Our tables are screened and I am beside my friend Ella Crowley. We have no homework for two weeks which is great and I finally got to make my First Holy Communion today” Zoe smiled!!

“Did you enjoy your day Zoe, tell me all about it and what was your favourite part”?..... “I was nervous & excited all at once. Everyone looked fabulous at the church and Fr Kieran made us all feel very relaxed. I loved getting pictures with my friends after the church but the best part was having all my family together at once to

celebrate with me, especially my grandparents, godparents and after with my Nana Mai. Oh and there was one more very special part to my day Marie that I forgot to mention” Zoe said. Yes, go ahead Zoe. “Going to dinner with my Mum & Dad to Gabys in the evening. All by myself !! with no brothers”!!! Zoe laughed. Being a middle child with three brothers Zoe, I can totally relate!!

Thank you Zoe O'Neill for taking some time out amidst the celebrations to chat with me and it was so lovely to meet your Great Nana Mai O'Donoghue again who well and truly has earned her title as 'Great' at 102 years of age and doesn't look a day of it!!!

PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK

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SAFE STREETS PLAN EXTENSION GETS CHAMBER SUPPORT

As Killarney begins to wind down following a very busy season, the business community in Killarney has welcomed and fully supports the decision to extend the Safe Streets plan until January 6th 2021.

The measures adopted by Kerry County Council, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, have been designed to provide a safer environment – particularly for vulnerable and older people – while at the same time supporting the reopening of local businesses.

Pedestrianisation has been implemented, footpaths have been significantly widened and several no parking and age friendly zones have been introduced and that has proved particularly beneficial given that the level of footfall experienced over the past two months was significantly higher than was originally envisaged. Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce said the Safe Streets plan will be even more beneficial when the visitor profile changes considerably in the coming weeks with a more mature clientele anticipated.

"With pubs due to reopen on September 21st, and the Christmas season rapidly approaching, the streets of Killarney will become quite busy and space is required to facilitate social distancing guidelines," said Chamber President Paul Sherry. "We all need to band together going forward to ensure we take every necessary caution to counter the increase in Covid-19 cases reported throughout the country and we wholeheartedly and enthusiastically support Kerry County Council in its Safe Street work," he said.

Extensive recent research commissioned by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, in association with the Institute of Technology – the results of which will be released shortly – indicates that a significant majority of people in Killarney fully support the measures contained in



the Safe Streets plan.

At a national level, worries have been voiced by public health officials about the spread of the virus and its potential to impact on society and business. Public health advice remains that people must maintain a two-metre social distance from others.

Kerry County Council has noted that in Killarney, Christmas shopping during December has traditionally seen a relatively high level of footfall so the proposal is to keep the Safe Streets plan in place until January 6th.

Furthermore, given the high concentration of schools in Killarney town centre, the council has held discussions with Bus Éireann and An Garda Síochána on Safe Streets measures that

are required to manage the safe drop-off and collection of students.

The current public health advice from the Department of Health, with increasing numbers of confirmed Covid cases and with more community transmission, is that the requirement to provide for safe social distancing will remain for some considerable time.

"The council considered it necessary to extend the current road closures in Killarney until next January to provide a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists," Mr Sherry said.

"The impact of these closures, as well as the other measures put in place, are to be subject to further review and, in the meantime, Chamber fully supports the Safe Streets project".

14 Kerry companies up for awards

Often dubbed the Oscars of Irish food, Blas na hÉireann, the Irish Food Awards, are the largest food awards on the island, open to all 32 counties, with judging taking place in Dingle during July this year and finalists notified in August.

This year there are 14 Kerry companies shortlisted for the awards. These include Muckross Creamery, Camos Artisan Foods, Dingle Goats Cheese, Kennedy's Butchers, Kerry Kefir, Knockatee Natural Dairy, Quinlans Kerry Fish, Wellness Baking Listowel Ltd., Dingle Distillery, Dingle Goats Cheese, Kerry Cow Farm Ltd (Kells Bay Cheese), Micilín Muc, O Sullivans Bakery and Quinlans Kerry Fish. The team at Blas na hÉireann have been working tirelessly since March to ensure that Blas 2020 goes ahead, maintaining their commitment to celebrating the very best in Irish food and drink. Chairperson, Artie Clifford feels that now, more than ever it is essential to shine a spotlight and give that all important clap on the back to the talented producers dotted around the island.

Faced with the restrictions around college campuses still being in place and under the watchful eye of the academic director Professor Joe Kerry of UCC, the Blas judging relocated to Dingle in July, ensuring the judging was handled with the same care and attention as always.

The awards will be announced over the course of the day on October 3rd on the Blas website and across social media channels and while the team will miss gathering collectively to cheer on colleagues and friends, they will make up for it by ensuring that #Blas2020 trends all day! The final Blas na hÉireann 2020 awards will be announced virtually on October 3rd.



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In her column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

“My goal is to become a comic book illustrator just like Will Sliney” - Marie catches up with the talented Caolán McMonagle

“Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep” ~ Scott Adams, creator of the Dilbert Comic Strip.

I had the absolute pleasure of meeting Caolán McMonagle this week. I'm always amazed by artists and their concept of visualisation and delivering that vision onto canvas or paper in their own passionate, unique style. It's a gift!! Caolán McMonagle has already been accepted at CIT to study Visual Communications this year, having spent the previous year in Cork also, studying Art, Craft & Design at St John's College. "I have been doodling since as long as I can remember and from the age of 6 I attended private art classes locally with Dermot McCarthy. It goes without saying that I studied Art for my Leaving Cert. Denise Coffey was my teacher at The Sem and she gave great inspiration and support to me down through the years.

I compiled my portfolio of art at St John's College and together with my Leaving Cert results, I am delighted to say I am on my way to CIT in the coming weeks".

I thought of all the materials needed for the many different forms of art and wondered if a remortgage was on the cards for Caolán's Mum Jane in Ballydowney, who had fed his talent unconditionally since that first doodle. "Its expensive initially yes, but the brushes etc will last you a long time. There are so many different styles of art - acrylics, oils, spray paints". Sounds like Jane is at the latter end of the mortgage payments then and what a result!!

I could see that Caolán's art featured throughout the McMonagle residence. The plan was to take a photo of his lockdown creativity in the back garden but I needed to include his



amazing artwork. How could I not?? After all, Michael Fassbender could do with a little more coverage!!!

I wanted to know who was the main inspiration for Caolán as he grew as an artist and what was his goal going forward? My question was answered in two words 'Will Sliney'. Will Sliney is an Irish comic books artist, known work such as the Marvel's Fearless Defenders series as well as the best selling graphic novel Celtic Warrior: The Legend of Cú Chulainn and the monthly series Spider-Man. "My goal is to become a comic book illustrator just like Will Sliney, an inspirational Irish artist, working from his home in Ballyhooley, Co. Cork. I had the honour of meeting him at a convention in Mahon Point when I was in 6th Class and had the opportunity

to showcase some of my work and he really inspired me to continue and improve. Last year while I was compiling my portfolio, in the hope of getting my place in CIT, I emailed Will for some feedback which thankfully got the seal of approval. I was thrilled with that". There you go, they say never meet your hero's but didn't that work in reverse for Caolán. Follow Caolán on his Instagram page art_by_caolan. Thanks for having me to Ballydowney for some vibrant back garden chats Caolán & Jane.

Picture Marie Carroll-O'Sullivan for Gogglevox with the Killarney Outlook

Bonjour... French for All set for the new year

As the new academic year begins, French for All, Killarney School of French is looking forward to beginning its classes.

Owned and run by experienced native French teacher Hélène Olivier-Courtney, from Tours, France set up the French language and culture school in 2006. The classes are normally based in Killarney, Beaufort and Killorglin but this year, classes will mostly be based in Killorglin and on Skype to ensure continuity. "Teaching has always been a passion. The interpersonal communication is the basis of my classes for all age groups and levels. I have been teaching since 1995 in Ireland, from primary schools to third level colleges, with

a extensive experience of the secondary school curriculum. I am really looking forward to the new academic year and can accommodate small groups up to four students or private tuition in either a real class environment or on Skype. In either situation, I always endeavour to teach in a relaxed yet studious atmosphere to ensure that everybody strives, enjoys learning and reaches their potential. Motivation, mutual commitment and continuous support are the foundations of my classes.

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Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Patrick Connor-Scarteen and Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer, Kerry County Council.

Despite everything that is going on, Culture Night is happening in Kerry! On Friday 18th September lots of the events are online, to ensure public safety while still providing arts and cultural groups the opportunity of showcasing their work to the Kerry public.

Every year the Kerry Visual Artists' Showcase is launched on Culture Night. This year the launch will be held online, with a 360 panoramic view of the gallery available on Kerry County Arts' Facebook (@KerryCoArts) page from 6pm on Friday 18th September. There will also be images of the artists' works, speeches and access to the exhibition catalogue.

The Fanzini Brothers will be online with a visual extravaganza full of their signature flair and fun. Catherine Young's Welcoming Project will be online with a Retrospective of what the innovative dance initiative has achieved using dance as a means of social integration.

All the details are available on culturenight.ie. The County Museum has taken a number of events online already this year, and Culture Night will be the same with music and tours available from the Museum's website on the night.

"It's a credit to arts and culture groups in Kerry that they are adjusting and adapting to these strange circumstances we are in," says Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer. "I would urge people to virtually drop in to as many events as possible on Culture Night and show their support via views and clicks and likes until the time comes again when we can show our appreciation with applause."

One venue that is hosting a physical event is St. John's Theatre in Listowel. Under current regulations St John's Theatre has been hosting physically distanced live events since August so are well practised in ensuring a safe and



comfortable experience for the audience. They are also hosting events run by the Listowel Writers' Museum (Tales from the Kingdom) and a harping event organised by Jimmy Deenihan.

The Dingle Hub is hosting an online exhibition by Silke Michels and the artist group Mink will have an online launch of their exhibition which is hanging at ANAM cultural centre in Killarney. Rebecca Lyons in Tralee has taken her Origami installation online and Ionad an Bhlascaoid is hosting an exhibition tonn-fuaime (sound wave) organised by Áine Ní Chiobháin that will be online. An exhibition by Roisín Ní Chionnfhaoilaidh is being hosted online by the Anja Gnauck Gallery while the Local Creative Youth Partnership will have an exhibition visible from The Mall, Tralee – Windows on Windows. Heritage Iveragh are taking their popular Rock Art By Night tour online this year as well, so people from far and wide can see from the comfort of their own homes this ancient visual art. Music Generation Kerry is hosting online music workshops for children and young people.

"I would encourage everyone to try this new way of experiencing Culture Night," says the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Patrick Connor-Scarteen. "Online events give more people the opportunity to take part safely and enjoy what Kerry arts and culture has to offer."

Information on events can be found at www.culturenight.ie, on Kerry County Arts' social media (@KerryCoArts) and by emailing arts@kerrycoco.ie or calling 066 7183541.

€405,286 granted to improve housing conditions for older people and people with disabilities in Kerry

Kerry is to receive state funding of €405,286 to improve housing stock for older people and people with a disability, Deputy Government Chief Whip, Brendan Griffin TD has said.

Deputy Griffin highlighted the funding for Kerry as part of an €18 million nationwide package announced by Government to improve housing conditions.

Deputy Griffin said: "The Disabled Persons Grant Scheme and the Improvement Works in Lieu of Local Authority Housing Scheme are administered directly by Kerry County Council. Exchequer funding meets 90% of the cost of the works in each property, with the local authority providing the remaining 10%. In total

€450,317 is granted under the two schemes for the area covered by Kerry County Council.

"The DPG Scheme provides funding for extensions and adaptations to existing social housing stock for older people and people with a disability and is designed to help make life at home a little easier.

"For example the funding can be used for items such as grab rails, disabled access ramps, wet rooms, setting up a bedroom downstairs etc. The scheme also provides extensions in cases of overcrowding in a home.

"In addition, funding is provided under the Improvement Works in Lieu of social housing scheme (IWILs). This allows local authorities to improve or extend privately owned

accommodation, where the applicant has been approved for social housing. It allows those who are otherwise eligible for social housing to remain in private housing and for enhancements to that housing.

"This funding is designed to improve housing conditions for those who need it most and will help people to live independently in their own homes for longer.

"As Minister O'Brien has said it will also address issues of overcrowding in existing social housing stock, while improvement works on private homes in lieu of social housing also provides an alternative for those currently experiencing overcrowding in private accommodation."

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In her column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

"Stick to what you believe in. You can't go wrong for being you"... **Wise words from Karis**



Around 60,000 students in the Leaving Certificate class of 2020 received results with grades higher than any other years on record.

Like many other students throughout the country, many were smiling just like the popular local 'Beauty Bee' blogger, Karis Koschan. I was delighted when she agreed to have the chats and Gogglevox with me at her beautiful home in Loughitane.

Karis Koschan (19) has taken a step back from social media updates since she began studying for her leaving cert but she promises to be 'back with her bees' going forward.

"So Karis, how long have you been blogging and what gave you the idea?" "I suppose I'd always had a passion for make up Marie and I got involved in the Fashion & Blogging projects at St Bridget's. I much preferred the vlogging (video blogs) to blogging (writing blogs)" Karis told me. She has the gift of the gab, a pure peoples person. I could see that. "I loved to Irish dance with Hegarty School of dancing and I began doing the make up for competitions for a few girls initially and finished up doing make up for the entire group. Soon after, my friends began calling round before going to discos to have their make up done and in recent years I have found myself creating looks for Ladies Day at the Killarney Races which I absolutely adored doing!! Friends encouraged me showcase

my make up looks with tutorials on line and build up a base of followers and a location to possibly take bookings..... So at the tender age of 13 years, Beauty Bee Blogs was born. It may have lapsed the last year or two Marie but I am delighted to be back with my bees again now that I have more free time!"

I was particularly interested in visiting Karis outside of her Leaving Cert results as in May she had received the Ceist Award from her school, St Bridget's (locally known as The Pres), one of two awards given annually where the second award, The Orla Benson Award, went to Karis's friend, Niamh Coffey. "Oh Marie, I had no idea and I mean that whole heartedly. I was completely oblivious and so was my mother" Karis laughed. "You see we didn't get to have a graduation as such. It was all live streamed. A small handful of students came to the church to do the readings at mass and I was lucky to be one of those. There was a teacher phone videoing parts of the service which included the announcement of the Ceist Award at the end of the service. As she moved about with her mobile phone my mother, Jacqui, coaxed me to sit back so as not to interfere with the video process. I agreed, I hadn't noticed the video recording at all. Before I knew it the mobile phone was in front of me and I had won the Ceist Award!!". Being unfamiliar with the award, I was curious so I asked Karis to see it. It was made of glass and sparkled in the

window in front of Karis's dad Arnd who was busy attending to the garden. It read 'Ceist, promoting spiritual & human development. Achieving quality in teaching and learning. Showing respect for every person. Creating community. Being just & responsible'. A wee bit heavy to carry around on your CV but what an achievement to be selected for such an award out of 79 potentials.

The Leaving Cert, 6th year students have really been robbed of so much - their chance at a Leaving Cert (I was an absolute crammer so the predictive grading would not have suited me one bit), their Debs (I was abruptly nominated as the after party venue to which my mother was cool about much to my surprise), their graduation (oh my word the tears I spilled over goodbyes) and the typical foreign holiday abroad - just because you could. You were over 18 with zero responsibilities (as such)!!... Oh the memories.

Karis was still smiling. She was thrilled with her Leaving Cert results. She told me her points but she was most humble in asking me not to 'write it down'. "I'm so happy Marie. I think I got above what I need to study Home Economics & Biology teaching at St Angela's in Sligo. I will know for sure on Friday when the college offers come out. The college is mostly girls but I am used to that at The Pres and sure there's an IT right across the road for a bit of craic with the lads too" Karis said.

At the age of 19, I thought Karis to be all of the above that is engraved on her sparkly Ceiste award and asked her for any words of wisdom to younger students or students in general... "I know its easier said than done but always try to be yourself and stick to what you believe in. You can't go wrong for being you. It's impossible for everyone to like everyone so by being yourself you will attract genuinely like minded people" Karis said. I think that's a true statement throughout life in general. Wise words Karis.

To follow Karis virtually to Sligo on her new journey to teaching college, be sure to follow beautybeeblogs on Instagram & Snapchat. "I'm back with my bees Marie and cannot wait to create and update my content regularly again". Thanks for having me to your beautiful home in Loughitane Karis & best of luck in your new chapter. Thanks to your Dad Arnd too. There was no need to go to so much trouble with the gardening when we simply used the beautiful back drop of Killarney for our photoshoot!

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DÁIL CALLED ON TO OVERTURN NEW HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR PUBS AND RESTAURANTS - RURAL INDEPENDENT GROUP

The Rural Independent Group this week called on Dáil Éireann to rescind the new regulations for pubs and restaurants that were introduced by the Minister for Health through Statutory Instrument last week.

Statutory Instrument (S.I. No. 326 of 2020), which came into effect on September 3rd, requires "a record of the substantial meal or meals ordered, pursuant to Regulation 11(2)(a) (iii) (I), by each member of a party of persons and each sole person permitted, or otherwise granted, access to the premises".

Since the publication of the new guidelines by Fáilte Ireland and subsequent backlash from industry representatives, the Government, including the Taoiseach, Tánaiste and Minister for Health have sought to downplay the severity of the regulations. They have also claimed that it is not a requirement to record the meals ordered by every person that enters the premises. These claims by Government are a direct contradiction of what is actually included in the statutory instrument, signed into law by the Minister for Health.

Danny Healy Rae says "It's very unfair for the Taoiseach and other members of the Government to deny they asked for this and try to distance themselves from the bill they actively put forward themselves and signed into law just because of the adverse reaction from publicans and the general public"

Ahead of the debate, members of the Rural Independent Group are calling on all those who have been critical of the new measures to support the motion:

Danny Healy Rae added "I am now calling on the deputies and parties who claimed not to understand completely what was voted for on Thursday to come out and vote for the Rural Independent Group's motion on Wednesday and reverse the draconian bill put in place by the Government."

These new regulations have been introduced



without consultation with industry representatives who have claimed that they are unworkable and downright bizarre.

We are now giving all members of the Dáil an opportunity that the government in its arrogance did not provide; to debate the measures and vote to overturn them.

Danny said "These measures are an unnecessary burden on an industry which is almost at breaking point.

There appears to be no logical reason as to why it should be necessary to record the substantial meal or meals ordered, by each member of a party of persons and each sole person permitted to the premises. The Government have gone to great pains trying to say that this is not what is required and that it is an overaction, but it is set out in black in white under Section 13 (1) (c) of S.I. No. 326 of 2020."

Danny Healy Rae has criticised the Government for losing focus and creating unnecessary administrative burdens on an industry already suffering as a result of Covid 19. This is absolutely a case of losing focus and of imposing yet another burden on an industry

that is struggling to hold on after operating at reduced or no capacity for pro-longed period of time.

Danny Healy Rae says that "The regulations the Government put through on this are absolutely ridiculous and don't make any sense in the world. It's very unfair to ask publicans to record and keep on file for 28 days what people eat in their pubs and will in no way help in the fight against Covid 19."

It simply takes the focus away from the important steps of hand and respiratory hygiene. NPHET have advised that they did not seek the requirements in relation to the "€9" meal.

Now the Government have taken it one step further seeking that pubs record what the substantial meal was for a period of 28 days.

The Rural Independent Group are calling on the Government to admit that they got this one wrong, rescind the statutory instrument and re-focus on supporting and fully re-opening an industry in a safe but logical manner.

DUMPING AND LITTERING

Cllr. Michael Cahill has asked Kerry County Council to take into consideration the significant spike in littering and dumping during Covid -19 throughout the county, including at many of our beaches by making a determined effort to put an end to this totally irresponsible behaviour for once and for all. This type of behaviour is grossly unfair to all our Tidy Town Committees, Schools and other groups who give freely of their time to keep our county clean. It also

adds to Council expenditure in this area.

Reply: The protection of Kerry's environment is of paramount importance to our inhabitants and visitors and Kerry County Council is very active in the pursuit and prosecution of those who litter our countryside, beaches and urban areas and takes a very serious view of such activity. During 2019 Kerry County Council investigated 939 complaints of littering and illegal dumping. To

date in 2020 568 complaints have been investigated. Kerry County Council Litter Wardens now supported by our MD Enforcement Officers investigate all such complaints in accordance with the stringent legal processes and evidence proofs that are required under the Litter Pollution Act. There were 114 litter fines issued in 2019 and to date in 2020 46 fines have been issued. There were 8 prosecutions in 2019 and 5 to date in 2020.



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Oran Bartlett, Lissivigeen NS, pictured with his Dad Joe, Mum Michelle & sister Keelan on his communion day on Saturday.



Adah Somers, Lissivigeen NS, pictured with her family on her First Holy Communion Day on Saturday - big sister Shauna, Dad Sean, Mum Marie and little brother Seami.



Gavin Fitzgerald, Lissivigeen NS, pictured with his parents Adrian & Helena on his Communion Day on Saturday.



Liadh Coughlin pictured with her family, Dad Kieran, Mum Therese, & brothers L-R Evan & Dara, on her communion day from Holy Cross Mercy NS.



Lucy McCarthy, Holy Cross Mercy NS, pictured with her Mum Patricia, Dad Oliver & sister Lily, on her First Holy Communion Day on Saturday.

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Once again over 10,000 Lee Strand hardback homework journals will be distributed to national school pupils in Kerry and West Limerick.

Speaking at the launch of the 2020 Lee Strand Homework Journal, Gearoid Linnane, CEO stated "Lee Strand is delighted to offer homework journals to national school pupils in Kerry and West Limerick over the past nine years. To celebrate Lee Strand's 100th year the homework journal has a special 100th

year theme for pupils and teachers to enjoy in the classroom. Lee Strand takes great pride in supporting the local community and what better way to support our community than by supporting our local schools with over 10,000 complimentary homework journals. The homework journals are one less expense for parents to incur when their children return to school. We would like to wish pupils, teachers and parents a safe return to school and wish everyone the very best in the academic year ahead."

Schools can receive further information on the Lee Strand homework journals by contacting Teresa Higgins-Walker, Marketing Manager, Lee Strand on 066 7121084. The homework journals

are valued at €4.50 each and are printed in full colour with a hardback cover for extra durability in pupils' school bags. They are filled with lots of interesting and educational material and are printed in English and Irish with over 140 pages. The homework journal includes: a weekly diary where pupils can record their homework each day; a timetable to record classes & activities; a tables book featuring addition, subtraction, multiplication, division; healthy eating tips; Irish culture & heritage; spelling & grammar; teacher & parent note forms; homework tips for pupils and parents. The homework journal also includes lots of Mighty Mikey Milk activities and after school recipes including the popular Lee Strand smoothie and cookie recipe.



Minister for Education, Norma Foley launches the 2020 Lee Strand Homework Journal pictured with Gearoid Linnane, CEO, Teresa Higgins-Walker, Marketing Manager and Emma Mulcahy (8) with her sister Lauren (5) from Knocknagashel. Every year since 2012 Lee Strand distributes 10,000 complimentary hardback homework journals to pupils in Kerry & West Limerick. PHOTO: DOMNICK WALSH

UNPRECEDENTED TIMES AHEAD AT KERRY AIRPORT

THE 2020 AGM of Kerry Airport Plc at Ballygarry House Hotel Tralee was presented to Shareholders via an online link. After a positive year in 2019, CEO John Mulhern said the present loss of revenue at Kerry Airport is unprecedented, profound and directly resulting from travel restrictions, however John Mulhern is confident the Government is fully aware of the steep downward trajectory in the financial position at all Airports and will in due course announce industry specific financial measures to support us through the industry's continued 'lockdown'.

PICTURED WERE L/R Pictured at the meeting were: L/R John O'Sullivan, Secretary Kerry Airport plc, John Mulhern Chief Executive Officer Kerry Airport plc and Denis Cregan Chairman Kerry Airport PLC. PHOTO: DOMNICK WALSH



DECISION DAY



Councillor Michael Cahill has welcomed the October 9th South Kerry Greenway decision date published by An Bórd Pleanála. "There have been some hiccups and delays along the way but I am now very hopeful that we will be receiving a positive decision shortly" said the Fianna Fáil Councillor. "This project is vital and I stress vital, for all of Kerry, but in particular to Cahersiveen and the Iveragh Peninsula" stated the Rossbeigh based Councillor. "As I've said before, I see this as a Gamechanger and that was before the Covid-19 pandemic came to our country" said

Councillor Cahill. "The whole nation is suffering and regions like ours, already decimated by emigration etc, will find it even more difficult to survive such a blow. Because of that, we are hanging our hat on the South Kerry Greenway getting the go-ahead" he said. "This bailout will not be charity but will pay for itself a million fold in jobs and livelihoods for generations to come" added Councillor Cahill. The Fianna Fail Councillor has been the Greenway's greatest supporter since the very beginning.



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BY: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

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Keeping the social distance, staying safe and adhering to HSE and Sport Ireland Covid19 guidelines, was the order of the weekend for the Annual Kerry Way Ultra Marathon. A weekend of endurance and will power - 200km non stop endurance, traversing the MacGillycuddy's Reeks, Iveragh Peninsula.

It is Ireland's longest distance trail Route. Athletes from Ireland came to experience the gravity of the race. There were three races in total - the Kerry Way Ultra - 200km, the Kerry Way UltraLite - from Sneem to Killarney and Kerry Way UltraNite - from Waterville to Killarney.

The not for profit Race Director is Eileen Daly, and together with support crews and volunteers, circumnavigated the Iveragh Peninsulas by-roads and butter roads in search for athletes from 5.00am on Friday morning to late on Saturday night. The racers were GPS tracked on the Kerry Way route, making locating their whereabouts on the Kerry Way more manageable.

There were three races in total - the Kerry Way Ultra - 200km, the Kerry Way UltraLite - from Sneem to Killarney and a new Kerry Way UltraNite - from Waterville to Killarney. It was Gavin Byrne who raced home in an amazing time of 23hrs: 37mins and 17 Secs, followed by Keith Lane in a time of 24hrs:01mins:518 secs. First Lady home for the second year in a row was Aoife Mundow in an amazing time of

25hrs:26mins:49secs. Knocking off almost 5 hours of her record last year.

Winner of the Kerry Way UltraNight was Robert Janowski in a time of 9hrs:10mins:53secs and Claire McCann was First Lady home in a blistering time of 9hrs:51:mins:28secs.

Winner of the Kerry Way UltraLite was John Keogh in 5hrs:03mins:50 secs, in the Ladies race it was renowned Ultra Runner Laura O'Driscoll in a time of 5hrs:48mins:05secs. Speaking about the Kerry Way Ultra Marathons, Race Director Eileen Daly commented "Because of the Covid19 pandemic, we feared the race might not even go ahead. Obviously Health is more important, and we were in a privileged and unique position in Kerry, because of its remoteness, ease of social distancing. It's usually families and very close friends make up the support crews, and volunteers. We were able to meet all the criteria set out by National Park and Wildlife Services and Kerry County Council. We are always indebted to The kindness of the Kerry Way Landowners and South Kerry Development Partnership. The marathons reached a phenomenal amount of virtual online viewers who engaged with our live tracking on the Facebook page. The Kerry Way Ultra Marathon is a non-profit 'no trace race', and has earned its title as one of the best endurance races in the world".



Harold Clifton, on the Old Kenmare Road, winner of the Kerry Way UltraLite Co Kerry.



Johnny Donnelly, Drummer with the Saw Doctors, on Drung Hill, Mountain Stage, Kells, Co Kerry.



John Paul O'Connell, left, Bobby Enright traversing the Old Kenmare Road.



International Ultra Runner, Laura O'Driscoll, on the Old Kenmare Road, winner of the Kerry Way UltraLite Co Kerry



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Following months of uncertainty students finally get their Leaving Cert results



Leaving Certificate student Cian Crowley, Eoghan O'Sullivan, Padraic Looney, Conor O'Leary with Principal Sean Coffey at St Brendan's College, Killarney.



Leaving Certificate student Niall O'Doherty with Deputy Principal Bridget Lucey and Principal Sean Coffey at St Brendan's College, Killarney.

As students through out the country received their Leaving Cert results this week, St. Brigid's Secondary school were delighted with the results. and Principal Roisin Moore is delighted to congratulate the class of 2020 on their Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied results.

"The Leaving Certificate journey was particularly arduous and harrowing this year and the students faced enormous uncertainty and had to cope with a constantly evolving situation from March 12th until May 8th. These students missed out on many of the rites of passage associate with the completion of second level education", Ms. Moore told Killarney Outlook.

"The outstanding results this year are testament to the dedication and commitment exhibited by the students not just in their final year but

throughout their senior cycle. We were thrilled that 3 of our students were awarded maximum points of 625 points and in excess of 31 % of students received in excess of 500 points. This is in line with the school's academic profile in previous years. All of our Leaving Certificate applied students received distinctions; she said. Monday was a most surreal day in the school as the usual excitement, apprehension and energy associated with results day was absent. However, the most striking absence was the absence of the girls who due to COVID-19 restrictions were required to access their results online. As a school we missed meeting them and sharing in their celebrations.

We are however mindful that for many of our girls the uncertainty is not over as they await third level offers on Friday. In addition, on Monday 14th September the students will be given access to the estimated percentages assigned to them by the school. As a school we know that these estimated percentages will, in many cases, be at variance with the calculated grades assigned by the DES and will leave parents and students with numerous questions. The process used by the DES to convert the school's estimated percentage into calculated grades remains unclear.

Unfortunately, some students including those who studied additional subjects outside of school will have little alternative except to commence preparations to sit the written papers in November thus prolonging the uncertainty. It is our hope that no matter what the future holds for the class of 2020 that they will look back fondly on their time in St. Brigid's and that they will always be proud to be Pres girls.

Meanwhile at St. Brendan's College the usual

gathering of nervous students and anxious parents did not take place in the Refectory at St. Brendan's on Monday last. The hallways and classrooms were alive with the usual sounds of school. However, in the homes of our 115 Leaving Certificate students an individual drama played out as students opened the Calculated Grade Portal and waited for the login to allow them access their Leaving Certificate results for 2020.

"Clearly, these are unique times", Principal Sean Coffey told Killarney Outlook.

"With our own set of their results, the school became aware of the excellent results and future opportunities of the Class of 2020. Whether our students targeted University, College, Apprenticeship or the world of work, the set of results will allow these opportunities to be experienced by our students", he said.

As always, our results reflected the efforts of the students and their teachers over the course of the past six years. This year, the estimated grades process made student expectations more fraught.

Principal, Sean Coffey, expressed his delight with the results and offered the support on the school to students who may have queries, especially following the CAO process.

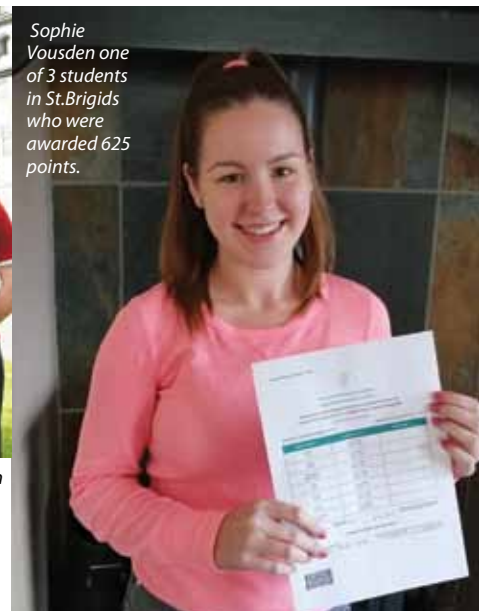
"The sixth years of 2020 deserve every opportunity to avail of their targeted Third Level course. It is our hope that the CAO process will be expanded to minimise points inflation in the coming days", he added.

The school looks forward to welcoming back this cohort for their formal graduation when Public Health Guidance allows.



Leaving Certificate students Caolan Ryan, Eanna Coleman and Eamon Long with at St Brendan's College, Killarney.

Leaving Certificate student Jamie Muldoon, Roy Hurley, Finn O'Sullivan and Aaron Brennan at St Brendan's College, Killarney.



Sophie Vousden one of 3 students in St.Brighids who were awarded 625 points.

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KERRY HOTELS BRACING FOR SURVIVAL

Bernadette Randles, Chair of the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation is calling on the government to introduce additional measures in a bid to save the industry.

The latest industry survey from the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) reveals the enormous challenges facing hotels and guesthouses in Kerry and across the country as demand continues to plummet as a result of the Covid crisis. The impact on employment and people's livelihoods is stark for an industry that supported 270,000 jobs nationally at the beginning of the year – 1 in 10 of all Irish jobs. An estimated 100,000 jobs of these have been lost so far this year and a further 100,000 are now at imminent risk in the coming weeks, including 11,600 in Kerry.

With the summer season finished, Ireland's hotels and guesthouses are now reporting a 70% drop in projected revenues for September compared to this time last year. Bookings for September/October have plunged with average room occupancy levels at 31% in the South West. This follows a very challenging July and August with average national occupancy at 49%, representing an enormous drop compared to the 90% occupancy achieved during these key summer months last year. Commenting on the results, Bernadette Randles, Chair of the Kerry branch the Irish Hotels Federation, said that the figures highlight the requirement for further sector specific measures to support Irish tourism. "Our industry is operating in a quasi-lockdown. The existing supports are totally inadequate for our industry given the current restrictions. If appropriate measures are not put in place, more jobs will be lost. Prior to the COVID crisis, tourism supported 15,700 jobs in Kerry, contributing €592m to the local economy. With a predicted revenue loss of €440m, 11,600 of these jobs are now under threat.

"A severely devastated tourism sector would be a major loss to the economy and society here in Kerry for many years to come. This can and must be avoided. We are doing everything we can to protect public health whilst also helping to restore the economy and safeguard people's livelihoods, but we face extraordinary challenges. These have been greatly exacerbated by the additional restrictions introduced last month, including limiting indoor gatherings to no more than six people."

"Businesses are, in effect, operating under close to lock-down conditions. This flies in the face of the detailed operational guidelines that are in place, endorsed by the HSE, HSA, HPSC and the FSAI as well as hotels' proven track record in managing gatherings safely. It is our belief that the controlled environment



Bernadette Randles.

provided by hotels can safely accommodate gatherings of significantly more than 6 people, which are an essential part of the fabric of Irish life."

"A major frustration for us continues to be the lack of meaningful consultation with our industry in advance of new restrictions being announced by Government. All areas of society negatively impacted by Covid-19 should be consulted, including businesses, when developing the Roadmap for Resilience and Recovery, which is due to be published on 14th September. Public health goes hand in hand with ensuring a viable economy when this pandemic has passed."

Commenting on the additional Government supports required for the tourism industry, Ms Randles said: "The measures contained in the Government's stimulus package do not go far enough to address the unique and existential challenges facing our industry. In particular, they fail to deliver adequate supports around competitiveness and liquidity in particular."

The IHF is calling on the Government to implement the following measures as a matter of urgency:

Review of 6-person limit – hotels provide a very safe environment in which to hold indoor gatherings in a controlled manner. Urgent approval of a hotel protocol is required to enable indoor gatherings of up to 50 people based on 6 people per table and subject to strict time-limits, physical distancing and protocols around wearing PPE and sanitisation.

Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS) – if jobs are to be retained, the EWSS rates of support must be increased to the previous TWSS levels of €350/€410 per week. This

would make it possible for employers to retain staff during the difficult winter/spring months ahead and to facilitate training and upskilling structures designed to allow employees get personal benefit from this challenging period and to help the industry prepare for post Covid-19 recovery opportunities. Qualification for the scheme should be based on performance from March until the end of the year with payment made on a weekly basis to assist with cashflow. The scheme should be continued until the impact of Covid-19 restrictions has fully abated.

Liquidity Measures

Additional liquidity measures are required to help fund hotels during the coming months as a result of the cash flow lost out due to Covid-19 restrictions, including extension of the moratorium on bank term loans from 6 months to 12 months.

Local Authority Rates Waiver

The waiver period should be extended for tourism businesses to coincide with business interruption due to Covid-19 and for a minimum of 12 months. After that, payment of local authority rates should be based on reduced levels of activity due to the crisis and until the industry has recovered.

Reduction in tourism VAT to 9%

permanent restoration to 9% to assist recovery and secure a viable and sustainable future for tourism. Reducing VAT will not only provide a stimulus in the Irish economy but also improve our competitiveness as an international tourism destination.

Testing Regime

As an island nation with an open economy, we have to restore international travel safely as soon as possible. An effective tracking, tracing and testing regime must be introduced to facilitate this and to protect the health and livelihoods of all.

"Safeguarding public health is an absolute priority for the Irish Hotels Federation and our members, who are fully committed to supporting the Government in the task of suppressing Covid-19. We also wish to be part of the process of restoring the economy and the livelihoods of the almost 270,000 people who worked in our industry last year. But we need support now so we can play our part again in the recovery. The National Economic Plan in October will come too late for many," said Ms Randles.



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STUDENTS URGED TO **PARK AND STRIDE**

In a bid to encourage students to walk and cycle to school, St. Brigid's Secondary school is this year continuing with their Green Schools initiative Park and Stride.

Ms. Sheree Murphy Green schools co-ordinator and her committee comprising of Transition year student, have over the last two years have been working hard to promote the encouragement of walking and cycling to school. Their latest initiative saw them designing signage for outside the three main school gates showing the times and distances it takes to walk from any of the main carparks in town to school.

"For example it only takes 5 mins to walk from beech road carpark to the main school entrance, by students getting dropped here would decrease the amount of traffic hugely in around the school and would save parents from being stuck in traffic also" Sheree told the Killarney Outlook. On the signage you will also see the slogan "A Walk a day, keeps the CO2 away" which Aideen Mullen of Transition year produced. St. Brigid's received their fourth green flag in May which was for their work in promoting alternative means of travelling to school. St. Brigid's are in talks with the Killarney Municipal Council and hope that other schools will follow their lead in promoting students getting dropped at the different carparks. The



St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School launch "Park & Stride" to reduce traffic congestion, promote a greener environment and encourage a healthy life style with their students, parents & teachers. L-R Jessica Leahy, Teacher Ms Sheree Murphy, Treasa O'Sullivan, Anna McGrath (sign design), Holly Power, Aideen Mullen & Principal Róisín Moore.

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core message is even more important now as walking and cycling to school and work not only is good for the environment, mental and physical health but also reduces the potential

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And let's look at it another way. When last did you actually stop and think before eating and ask yourself "am I really hungry". We often fall into the routine of meals times and just eat because it is lunch time and not because we are actually hungry. Or better still when have you stopped yourself eating because you were full and not because the plate was empty. Eating and fueling is essential for energy but when last did we look at it in this way?

When last did you cook a home made meal because you could feel hunger creeping up and enjoy the flavours smells and experience? It has become too easy to grab and go and mindlessly eat without forward thinking. This grabbing and going is causing you to over eat as you are not allowing the hunger or fullness sensations to switch on in your brains because you are in fight or flight and all go go go. Ok so now it's time to stop! And pause! Identify where you might fall into these pit traps? Putting the pause button on allows us to reflect and identify where we may be self destructing and not even realising. So our thoughts say one thing (eg I'm Mad to loose weight) yet our actions are doing another (eg grabbing takeaway 4 night a week) Try shifting your attitude around food this week to eating for optimal fuel, and if you eat healthy clean nutritious food you will get good clean fuel and have a clean engine however if you eat processed, high sugary and fatty foods you will get crap fuel and the engine will start causing you problems.

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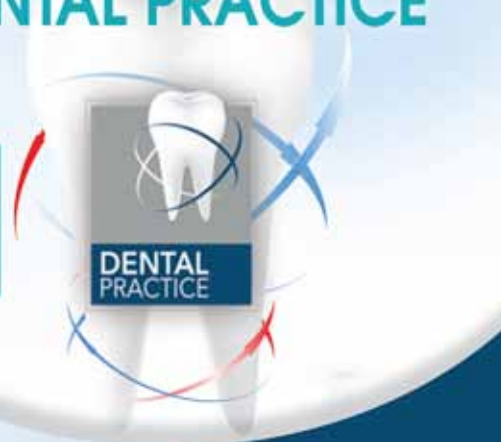
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EXCELLENT LEAVING CERT RESULTS IN KERRY MEANS CAO OFFERS WILL BE PLENTIFUL TODAY



By Billy Ryle

After six very difficult months of emotional turmoil, at long last, 60,419 Leaving Cert candidates (57,569 Traditional Leaving Cert and 2,850 Leaving Cert Applied) awoke on a day when they could celebrate some very good news.

That number included 1,725 candidates from County Kerry schools (886 female and 839 male) who had signed on for the Leaving Cert calculated grades results which were released on Monday morning. From the early trends that began to emerge from 9am onwards, it soon became evident that the grades awarded to candidates were superior to previous exam results.

That was to be expected because this year's Leaving Cert results were based on a psychometric measurement of ability or potential while the standard Leaving Cert is a test of achievement. Ability tests measure what a person is capable of doing in an exam whereas achievement tests measure what a person actually does in the exam. Human nature being what it is, we all like to believe that we can do better than we actually do. It's a very positive psychological trait that keeps us optimistic and motivated.

While the results were greeted with great joy by nervous candidates, the overriding emotion was one of relief that so much uncertainty was finally at an end. The young people now have tangible results and a few days to assess their next step. Grades are up by an average of 4.4% in what was the best Leaving Cert results day ever. Higher Level candidates were given better grades than previous years while Ordinary Level grades didn't increase significantly from previous years' results. For example, at Higher Level, the two top grades, H1 and H2 increased from 5.6% and 15.2% to 8.9% and 17%, respectively. What was also very encouraging is that the fail grade at Higher Level, H8 decreased from 2.2% to 0.6%. Similarly, the Ordinary Level fail grades, O7 and O8 dropped significantly from 9.5% to 5.8%. That is all good news for this year's Leaving Cert candidates, Leaving Cert results in schools throughout County Kerry were excellent, so offers of third level college places will pour into the region on Friday when Round One of college offers is

issued by the CAO at 2pm. It looks as if Kerry's CAO applicants will be top of the class in securing college places. More than 70% of Kerry's Leaving Cert candidates are likely to progress to higher education. A further 20% will secure places in Further Education, Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

The general expectation is that the inflation in grades will cause an increase in the minimum points required for CAO college courses. That may well be so, but it won't disadvantage the Class of 2020 as they are all presenting better results than their predecessors. In addition to that, between the extra CAO places announced earlier and the 1250 extra places recently announced by Minister Simon Harris, there could be up to 2750 extra college places available this year. It's also likely that a significant number of candidates will defer going to college for a year because of the uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic and that the number of non-national students taking up college offers in Ireland will be a lot less than usual. At any rate, all will be revealed on Friday.

Candidates who are presenting Leaving Cert results from previous years are disadvantaged by the increase in grades this year. It's not a level playing field for them. In the interests of fairness, all of these CAO applicants should be considered for college places on the basis of the last traditional Leaving Cert exam, which took place last year, 2019. All of these candidates are presenting achieved results rather than the estimated results of this year. Therefore, due process would suggest that the appropriate psychometric to be applied to their results by the CAO should be the 2019 college minimum entry points. In my opinion, that would be a fair and just solution for about 10,000 CAO applicants who are presenting Leaving Cert points from previous years.

CAO Round One offers and points will be available on Friday at www.cao.ie at 2pm. Round One offers must be accepted by 3pm on Wednesday, 16th September.

The CAO available places facility opens on Monday, 14th September (noon) at www.cao.ie. This facility is free to those who have already made an application to CAO, whether placed or not, and at a €45 fee to those who have not applied to CAO.

Congratulations to all candidates, who received Leaving Cert results on Monday. I sincerely hope your results brought you great joy, satisfaction and success. Seize the opportunity and move on with confidence.

In the next article, I'll analyse the trends emerging from CAO Round One offers and look at other options available to school leavers.

CHECKLIST

- ✓ 11th Sept. CAO Round One offers and points available from 2pm
- ✓ 14th Sept. Percentage marks and rankings submitted by teachers released
- ✓ 14th Sept. A candidate may appeal the paper trail leading to the grade awarded, but not the grade itself, from this date
- ✓ 14th Sept. CAO Available Places facility opens at 12 noon
- ✓ 16th Sept. Accept CAO Round One offer by 3pm
- ✓ 23rd Sept. CAO Round Two offers available from 10am
- ✓ 25th Sept. Accept CAO Round Two offer by 12 noon
- Sept. Apply for Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses to Colleges of Further Ed.
- ✓ Sept. Apply to State Agencies and private companies for training courses - apprenticeships/ traineeships, etc.
- Sept. Apply now to schools to repeat the Leaving Cert
- ✓ 1st Oct. CAO Round Three offers available from 10am
- ✓ 6th Oct. Accept CAO Round Three offer by 3pm
- ✓ 8th Oct. CAO Round Four offers available from 10am
- ✓ 13th Oct. Accept CAO Round Four offer by 3pm

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WELL DONE TO THE CLASS OF 2020

On Monday of this week, on the day when all of the school returned, past pupils of Killarney Community College received their Leaving Cert Results.

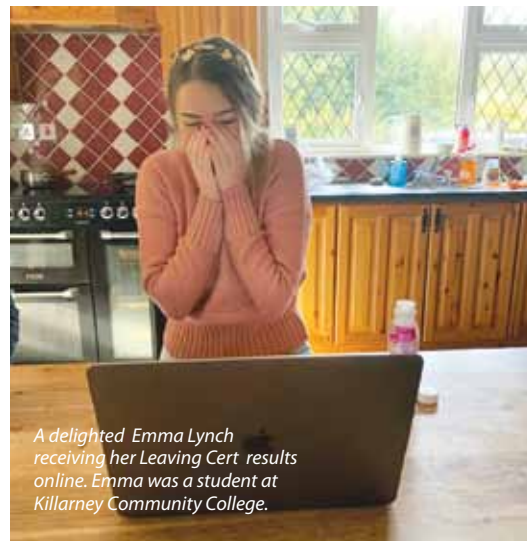
"It was an amazing day of chaos in the college. The whole school returned and adapted fantastically to the changes made, pens and books made a return and our teachers did what they did best...teach", a spokesperson for the school said.

"However the real stars of today were the leaving cert class of 2020. Today they received their results and we would like everyone to know how incredibly proud we are of them. The unusual circumstances in which they received their results should not take away from admirable amount of hard work, effort and dedication they put in over the last two

years to get to where they are today. There is no elevator to success, as we all know, you have to take the stairs", they added.

A piece of paper should not define you but it's hard not to get excited about the endless doors you now have opened for yourselves as a result of your resilience and determination to succeed. We hope you are offered the course or opportunity you were looking for and be the person you are destined to be. As one chapter of your life concludes, the next one is filled with endless possibilities. As our principal said in your graduation speech, fly that plane.

To the class of 2020 we would once again like to take the opportunity to congratulate you and your family on your results and on the people you have become.



A delighted Emma Lynch receiving her Leaving Cert results online. Emma was a student at Killarney Community College.



Niamhbh O'Byrne features in the new advertising campaign.

The voices and stories of four Kerry students, Rory Murphy and Antoin Fletcher from Tralee, Amie McNamara from Listowel and Niamhbh O'Byrne from Abbeyfeale are part of a new

KERRY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO FEATURE ON NATIONAL ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

digital campaign to coincide with the Leaving Cert results and will feature on platforms including Snapchat, Tik Tok, Facebook, Spotify and the Audio XI steaming network and will consist of both display and audio adverts.

SOLAS are the state body charged with the development and implementation of FET (Further Education and Training) strategy in Ireland. Kerry College Admissions Officer John Herlihy (formerly of Radio Kerry) recorded the interviews at the Radio Production Studios at Kerry College's Monavalley Campus in Tralee. Local versions of the adverts are also airing on Radio Kerry and Spin Southwest.

Kerry College offers over 100 full time courses across its campus locations in Tralee at Monavalley, Clash Road and Denny Street and at Listowel. These courses include: Applied

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Some courses are already starting with many more scheduled to start on 21 September. Some courses are almost full, and applicants should apply now. For queries, contact Celine or Meaghan on 066-714 96 96. You can browse and sign up for all courses online: <https://kerrycollege.ie/full-time-courses/>



Pupils at Holy Cross Mercy pictured following their First Holy Communion ceremony last weekend. They are pictured with their teachers and Fr. Niall at St. Mary's Cathedral.



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KEEL GAA NOTES

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The B team will travel to Blennerville to play Castlegregory in round 2 of the Junior Football League on Monday evening. Kick-off is at 7pm. On Friday they will host St. Pats in Keel at 7pm. Best of luck to the team and their management.

MID-KERRY

Best of luck to Mid-Kerry especially to the Keel players Stephen Cahillane, Thomas Ladden, Gary Sayers and Aaron Murphy as they take on Dr. Crokes in the semi-final of the Garvey's Supervalu County Senior Football Championship on Saturday at 7pm in Austin Stack Park Tralee.

U16S: Keel/Listry hosted Na Gaeil in phase 2 of the County League on Monday last in Keel. The final score was Keel/Listry 5-21, Na Gaeil 2-05. Congratulations to the team and their coaches on an excellent result. They will host Kenmare in round 2 on Monday the 7th in Keel at 7pm. Best of luck to the team and their management.

U14: On Wednesday last Keel/Listry U14A hosted Spa in Keel in terrible weather conditions. Keel/Listry put up a great battle against a strong Spa side and were successful with a one-point win. The final score was Keel/Listry 3-07, Spa 1-12. Keel/Listry U14 B travelled to Fries on Tuesday last and they were successful by a single point too. The final score was Keel/Listry 5-09, Fries 4-11. Well done to both teams and their coaches.

U12: Our Under 12's travelled to Cordal on Sunday evening. Results will be confirmed on our social media. Keel will host Annascaul/Lispole on Sunday at 6pm in Keel. Best of luck to the teams and their coaches.

U10S: There were fantastic numbers again last week at U10 training. The players showing their dedication for the club. Training continues Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30. Thank you to the parents for filling out the return to play questionnaire. Please ensure children have their gum shields and labelled water bottles. Many thanks, from the U10 coaches.

U8S: Our U8's had a great turn out on Sunday morning against our neighbours Listry. All our future stars played very well. Thanks to Listry for a great game. Thank you to Gearóid Evans, Eden Murphy and Cian Lenihan for reffing the games. Going forward all U8's MUST have gum shields for training and games. Unfortunately, we cannot let children play without their gumshield. We hope to have a few more games and these will be confirmed by text. Training or a challenge match will take place on Sunday from 9:45 to 11am. Don't forget your mouth guard and your own water with your name on it. Many thanks, from the U8 coaches.

U6S: Great numbers again this week for our Sunday morning session. Lots of fun and games. Thanks again to all the parents for ensuring all the returntoplay.gaa.ie protocols were adhered to. Currently the plan is that Milltown U6's will travel to us next Sunday from 9:45am-11am. We will hopefully have enough players to play 3 small, sided games. Players to wear Keel colours (White t-shirt/ jersey). Don't forget to bring a clearly labelled drink and your mouthguard. Also please remember as per current guidelines only one adult can be on the side-line during matches/ training & everyone must practice



Amelia Healy and Grace O' Sullivan. First day at Killarney Legion GAA Club's Saturday Academy u6 training.

social distancing. Many thanks, from the U6 coaches.

CLUB LOTTO

Thank you to everyone who supported our club lotto last week. The draw will take place on Monday September 7th in The Anvil Bar and will be available to view on our Facebook page. On Monday, the 31st of August the numbers drawn were 1, 20, 30, 31. The €50 prizes went to Mags Evans Laghtacallow and Oran&Ella Hilliard Keel. We appreciate your continued support of our club lotto.

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DR. CROKES

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DR. CROKES 4-13 KILMOYLEY B 2-11

Played on Friday last this was a tough encounter. Four second half goals in the final quarter got us over the line against a gallant Kilmoyley side.. Team conor Bohane, Patrick Crehan, Brendan McMahon, Kevin Landers, Michael Owen Buckley, Mike Milner, Michael Horgan, Jack lenihan (1-01) Shane Lyne (0-01) Kieran O'Connor, Colm O'Cuiv (0-01), Mark Heffernan (1-00) Rob Ryan, Richie Farrissey, Tom Doyle (2-03), Subs used Michael Lenihan (0-08), Aaron Murphy (1-00), Owen Hayes, Cathal White. We

now await Tralee Parnells in the final.

MINOR On Saturday afternoon last the Dr Crokes u18's hosted local rivals Legion in Round Three of the County League Division 1 competition. Both teams were injury free and what unfolded was an exciting game of football that in the end could have gone either way.

Dr Crokes played the first half with a beneficial wind to their backs but it was the Legion that proved to be the inform team. Legion quickly raced into a commanding lead and by the first water break were comfortably ahead by 1-03 to 0-1. Crokes were lacklustre in most areas on the pitch and this continued throughout the half with their only score slotted over the bar by Cian McMahon in the 10th minute. Both teams missed a number of kickable scores but certainly the Legion were the sharper of the two sides throughout the opening half which was not without incident! As the whistle blew for half time the Legion were deservedly ahead on a scoreline of 1-4 to 0-1.

The old cliché "a game of two halves" certainly applies to this contest as a re-shaped and re-invigorated Crokes team emerged in the second half and very soundly took the game to their old rivals. The second half was certainly more physical and played at a much higher tempo as the Crokes u18's stepped up a gear. The third quarter saw the Crokes put 1-7 on the scoreboard in blistering fashion and by the water break they led the Legion by 1-8 to 1-5. The final quarter of the game as expected proved to be tense and exciting, the legion recouped their losses and came within 1 point of the Dr Crokes when deep into injury time they were awarded a free and duly converted thus ending the game on a scoreline of 1-9 to 1-9. This local derby certainly lived up to its expectations!!

This is a promising Dr Crokes minor team and their year began with such promise but as we know too well was cancelled and then curtailed by the onset of Covid 19. We took part in the County League and remain undefeated, well done to the lads and their mentors.

TEAM: 1. Adam Carey, 2. Ronan Buckley, 3. Terry Sparling, 4. Jack Lynch, 5. Harry Byrne, 6. Jason Kerins, 7. Evan Looney, 8. Neil o' Shea (Capt.), 9. Liam Randles, 10. Erin Moloney, 11. Padraic Looney, 12. Mark Clifford, 13. Cian McMahon, 14. Tom Doyle, 15. Rob o'Shea. Subs: Shane McAlister, Ronan Coffey, Charlie Keating, Nathaniel Doncel, Midchi Lynch and Alex Hennigan.

LADIES

Dr Crokes ladies had a tremendous week on the playing fields this week, with our Senior team leading by example with an emphatic win over Killarney Legion on Monday evening last on a scoreline of Dr Crokes 2-20, Legion 2-05. This was the girls fifth consecutive win in the Junior A Championship. They face MKL Gaels in the last group game Monday Sept 7th at home at 7pm but have already secured a home fixture for their Semi-final on Monday week.

OUR U12 girls were regraded after preliminary rounds and had a good win over MKL Gaels B at home on Tuesday, 01 Sept in Group 4 of the South Kerry league. Siofra Randles and Sabra Hickey were outstanding in a competitive game. Final score was Dr Crokes 5-06 to MKL Gaels B 4-03.



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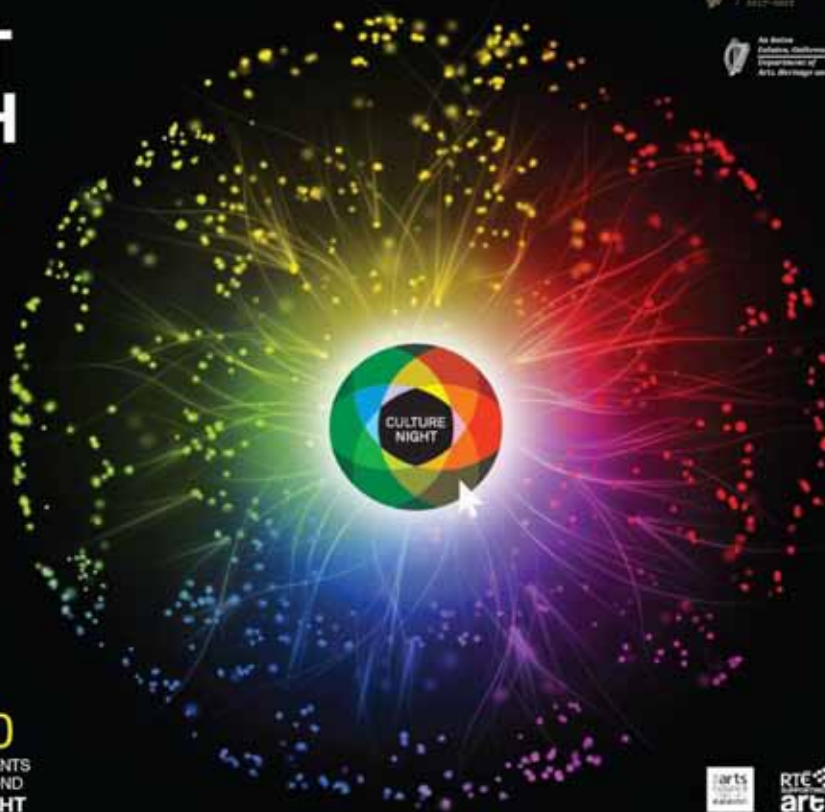
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Our Minor girls faced the challenge of Austin Stacks at home on Friday evening, who travelled to Lewis Road unbeaten in Div 3 of the county league. With Treasa O'Sullivan & Julie Delaney in fine form in mid-field, and Ava Sheehan on point with her free-kicking, the girls ran out comfortable winners on a scoreline of 2-18 to 2-10. Best of luck to our U16 girls who travel to Scartaglen on Wed next in the Div 3 Semi-final.

Fixtures for the week ahead:

Mon, 07 Sept - Senior ladies at home to MKL Gaels at 7pm

Wed, 09 Sept - U16 ladies away to Scartaglen at 6.30pm

Friday, 11 Sept - Minor ladies away to Kilcummin at 7pm,

LOTTO

Draw took place on Monday Sept. 7th numbers drawn were 14 16 23 25 Jackpot not won. No patron matched 3 numbers. 4 lucky dips each receive €100. Jackpot for draw on September 14th will be €5,600

We are calling on all members to support our weekly lotto as this represents one of the main sources of revenue for the club. With activity likely to recommence on the fields over the next few weeks we need people's support to maintain our facilities in Lewis's Road. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below And follow instructions attached

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US OPEN GOLF CHALLENGE we will be holding another Golf Challenge on US Open on Sept 17th -20th. Cards will with usual sellers or may be played online www.drcrokes.com. Best option is to click on guest link which will bring you directly to the card and if not a member of Dr. Crokes. If you are a member the guest link will default to your Clubforce log in <https://member.clubforce.com/membership>.

GOLF SOCIETY OUTING on Saturday last to Dingle links on a beautiful day, 1st. Frank Shaw (6) 36pts., 2nd Joe Sheehan (6) 36pts., 3rd Harry O'Neill (10) 33pts., 4th Mike Buckley (16) 33pts., 5th Brian Clarke (11) 32 pts., Category 1 Brendan Keogh (7) 30pts., Category 2 Kieran Brosnan (18) 29pts., Front Nine Denis Coleman (8) 18pts., Back Nine Martin Byrnes (8) 15pts., Next outing President (Mike Buckley) Prize on October 31st in Waterville.

BEST WISHES to former club player and presently one of our sponsors Pat O'Sullivan Greene on the forthcoming publication of his Book CROWDFUNDING THE REVOLUTION.

SYMPATHY

To the Keogh family on the death of Kathleen (nee MacMonagle) whose 5 sons Sean, Don, Tim, Francis and Eamon all donned the Black and Amber. Ar dheis de ar a anam dilis.

East Kerry GAA News By

Michael O'Mahony

East Kerry 1 – 17 St Brendan's 3 – 08

EAST KERRY 1 – 17 ST BRENDAN'S 3 – 08

East Kerry have claimed the five in a row in the County Minor football championship after just about getting the better of St Brendan's after extra time in a classic under lights in Tralee last evening.

It was the challengers who got the better start wing back Jerome Daly opened the scoring in the first couple of minutes. They then struck for the first goal of the night. After being awarded a penalty, Earnan Ferris was denied brilliantly by William Casey but was first to react to the rebound and palm the ball to the net. East Kerry started to get going after this shocking start and scored five points in a row, with Captain Killian O Sullivan, Dylan Roche and Aoran O Shea all registering as they used the wind to their advantage. They would lead by six points to one two at the first water break.

Darragh O Sullivan then ended St Brendan's scoring drought with a free before Michael Mullane broke forward from wing back to regain the lead for East Kerry. Dara O Connor replied for St Brendan's before Tommy Bowler's magnificent strike from out wide gave East Kerry a three point lead at half time after a pulsating first half.

Aaron O Shea broke through to blast over early in the second half as it looked like East Kerry were about to take control. St Brendan's were not to roll over though and when a high ball landed around the goal, center forward Darragh O Sullivan was first on to the rebound to put the ball in the unguarded net. Michael Mullane then had a goal bound shot smack off the crossbar and East Kerry would still lead by two at the second water break.

It was now getting very tense out there and scores were hard to come by. Goalkeeper Sean Broderick pointed a forty five for Brendans and sub Ben Hannifin brought them level. East Kerry sub Luke Crowley then coolly put his side ahead from a tight angle as injury time approached. St Brendan's had one more chance to equalize. It was taken by the brilliant Oisín Maunsell who was deadly accurate when the pressure was at its highest. Another twenty minutes would be needed to find the champions.

Extra time started cagily with East Kerry holding the ball against the wind. Eventually they found the thrust to score what looked like the winning goal. Luke Crowley took the ball in and found the perfect time to hand pass to Kevin Bowler who was running off him. With a defender just behind him, and the goalie narrowing the angle, he dropped the ball on his sweet left foot and found the bottom corner clinically. Was this to be the crucial score of the night? St Brendan's had other ideas. After Darragh O Sullivan had pointed another free they regained the ball from the kick out. Maunsell drove forward and blasted the ball to the back of the net. The teams were now back level and the prospect of a penalty shootout looked very possible.

The next score was now going to be crucial. It came from East Kerry sub John Kelliher. He broke through the tiring Brendan's defense and

finished clinically. Two more frees from O Shea followed and East Kerry had their five in a row after surviving their toughest test this year.

CONGRATULATIONS then to East Kerry on another brilliant victory. The joy and relief on captain Killian O Sullivan's face was clear to see after he received the cup. What a night for this special team. Many of them will hopefully go in to grace many more fields around Ireland in the coming years.

Best of luck to East Kerry & Dr Crokes in Garvey's county senior Championship semi Final this weekend.

FIXTURES

East Kerry play St Brendans this Friday September 11th at 7-30pm. showing Live on Tg4. Dr Crokes play mid Kerry on this Saturday evening at Austin stack park at 7pm.

extra time winner on night.

FIXTURES - EAST KERRY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DR. O'DONOGHUE CUP 2020 ROUND 1

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to families & firends of Tom WALSH Farranfore, & Donie O' Donoghue Kilcummin, & Timmy Lenihan Knocknagoshel , & Ruairi O'Halloran Ballymacelligott Kathleen Keogh Killarney. Julia Brosnan Scartaglin Joan Prendiville Tralee. Catherine O Donoghue Ballymacelligott. May they all rest in peace.

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By now, Leaving Certificate results will have been received by all students. We hope you will all be pleased and we wish you the very best going forward with the next chapter in your lives. Remember 'what's for you won't pass you'.

LAST MAN STANDING

The club is running a Last Man Standing competition with a prize of €250 to raise funds for a new stand for our spectators and supporters at our GAA facility on the Castlemaine Road. It is starting on September 19th and I thought you might like to join. The T&C's are on the club Website at <https://www.milltowncastlemainegaa.ie/last-man-standing>. It is €10 to enter. You can either give the money to Liam Doherty or you can join via the club on-line .Once registered, you will receive a text from the club to confirm your entry and that is the number you will text each week with your team. The closing date for the receipt of cards is Tuesday week (September 15th) but we can receive on-line payments until the Thursday before we start (17th). want that connection with the club.

If you have any questions please contact either Liam Doherty on +353 (86) 041 3593 or Gary Murphy on +353 (87) 943 2746.



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DRIVE IN BINGO: SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH AT 2 P.M. IT'S GETTING NEARER!

Our club, in conjunction with Nagle Rice Community Pitch, is hosting a Drive in Bingo on Sunday October 4th in the grounds of The Mart Car Park. Our bingo players have been particularly hard hit with the Covid restrictions placed on bingo. Much work has been undertaken to organise this and we are delighted to be able to see all our efforts come to fruition. We will have fantastic prize money to give away.

We sincerely appreciate the management and committee of Mid Kerry Mart, Milltown for facilitating this. We are sure it will bring a smile to many in our community particularly the older people who have been isolated very much. Please spread the word!!

UNDER 6'S

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We have our 1st match arranged for our U6's v Keel, on Sunday September 13th at 9.45. ONLY Children born in 2014 and 2015 will be permitted to play in the match. The 2016 boys and girls are too young yet and we don't want to scare them away! We promise your turn will come!

UNDER 8'S

On Tuesday, September 8th our 8's have a game against LAUNE RANGERS at their main pitch.

UNDER 10'S

The Under 10's are away against Laune Rangers also on Tuesday evening@ 6.15PM (Away) On Sunday 13th, they have another game away against Kerins O Rahillys at 11.30 am. So lots happening for them. Please comply with all Covid regulations regarding attendance.

UNDER 12'S

Well done to all on Sunday evening last in Ballyduff. The Green team played fantastic football and were a joy to watch- giving it 100% Even though the results are not going their way, your trainers and mentors are very proud of you all with the improvement that ye are making from game to game. The boys and girls may not realise it at the moment but things will all come together next year. It takes time and your trainers want you to know that ye have it in ye to go on and be very successful. So don't give up!

Maith thú to the White team on a great performance and a superb win (5-06 to 0-08). Some brilliant teamwork displayed on the night. A special thanks to the 4 girls in particular who came along and performed excellently. Milltown Castlemaine Abú!

UNDER 14'S:

Our under Green 14's put up a huge battle out in Rathmore on Wednesday night last and despite putting some fantastic scores-(2/14) on the board lost out at the final whistle. Hard luck but most importantly very well played.

The White team were up against Legion on Wednesday last and equally served up some fantastic scores (4/07) to end up victorious after a very exciting finish- which had the supporters on the edge of their seats. Well done to you all! (Photo of White team sent ahead)

LOTTO: €12,600

We thank you all sincerely for contributing to our fundraising Lotto. Our next draw takes place this Friday night, September 11th and will be streamed live. We will have a jackpot of €12,600 on offer. We will also have our Match 3 prize and



Under 14 Milltown Castlemaine Boys.

our 6 consolation prizes. So make sure you have your ticket in the draw. Tickets are just €2 each or 3 for €5 and are available at all local businesses. Best of luck to all.

FIELD DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

This is a direct link to view the amazing work that has already been done at our GAA Grounds. Sincere thanks to all of you who have financially contributed to this through the Friends of Milltown Castlemaine GAA Field Development Project. We would also like to thank John Foley for all the fantastic footage of the project from the very beginning.

<https://vimeo.com/454554750>

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Ciarraí Lár Abú!

Best wishes to the Mid Kerry Management Team panel on Sunday next in their semi-final versus Dr Crokes. Mid Kerry is captained by our club player Pa Wrenn. Milltown Castlemaine is also represented by David Roche, Cathal Moriarty, Jonathan O'Sullivan and Gavin Horan. Former senior player Damian Murphy is part of the management team. Game will be streamed live. Go neiri an t-ádh libh.

BEAUFORT GAA NOTES

MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort GAA Club membership is still open.

Please contact Patie at 087 2515311 for details.

The gym will open as soon as restrictions are lifted.

FIXTURES

Minor Ladies away Austin Stacks, Fri, 11th in rnd 5, Co League

U12 Boys two teams away Glenflesk, Sun, 13th at 6pm.

U14 Girls 1 away Cromane, Sun, 13th.

RESULTS

U12 Boys: Beaufort 5.18. Spa 2.12.

U11 Boys Beaufort 5.09. Spa 2.08

U14 Boys: Beaufort 1.03 Duagh 4.14

U12 Girls: Furies 2.09 Beaufort 5.13

Minor Ladies: Beaufort 1.03 ISG 1.11

Senior Ladies: Beaufort 3.07 S. Gaels 3.05

HEALTHY CLUB 4

Beaufort will be taking part in Healthy Club 4 in late 2020/2021 and must complete an action plan of activities before the end of September.

Please get in contact if you have any ideas.

U12

Well done to both of our U12 boys teams who beat Spa on Sunday in Beaufort, and to our U12 girls team who beat Furies on Tuesday evening.

SENIOR LADIES

Well done to our senior ladies who beat Southern Gaels on a scoreline of 3-7 to 3-5 in the county senior championship on Monday last.

LEGION GAA CLUB NEWS

FIXTURES

Juniors Killarney Legion v Spa (Away)

Friday 11th Sept 18:30pm

LEGION JUNIORS

A great game in Direen on Friday evening when the Junior team made it two wins out of two when defeating Beaufort 1-12 to 0-8pts. First half was evenly contested with the home team leading by the narrowest of margins 0-5pts to 0-4pts. In the second half Legion got off to a dream start with a well taken goal by Peter McCarthy after a brief fight back by Beaufort when they kicked 2 unanswered points but the Legion then began to dominate in the third quarter with scores coming from the boots of Finbarr Murphy, Capt Sean Mc and his brother Peter and also from Alan Moriarty the Killarney Legion ran out worthy winners on a scoreline of 1-12 to 0-8pts.

Team : Liam O Toole, Darragh O' Doherty, Sean McCarthy 0-2pts, Cathal Sheahan, Mike Piercce, Kieran O'Donoghue, Alan Moriarty 0-1pt, Shaun Keane, Evan Smith, Stephen Flattery, Finbarr Murphy 0-3pts, Peter O' Sullivan, Derek Twomey 0-1pt, Luke O'Donoghue, Peter McCarthy 1-05pt, Subs used: Jack Enright, Paudie Enright, Bryan Griffin and Rob Lucey

Well done to a great team performance tonight and also well done to the management Of Donal O'Donoghue, John Keane, Sean O'Sullivan and Mike Pigott

MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Killarney Legion 1-09

Dr Crokes 1-09

On Saturday our minors concluded their county league campaign with a thrilling draw against our near neighbors Dr Crokes. Our boys started fast and raced into a 1-3 to 0-1 lead at the first



half water break. The goal coming from the boot of William shine after a great run and pass by Aaron O'Sullivan. William shine added a further point after the restart to leave the half time score 1-4 to 0-0-01. A highlight of the first half was outstanding performance of our six backs and goal keeper who consistently foiled the attacks of Dr Crokes. An early black card and red card in the second half meant legion were reduced to 13 players for the majority of the second half and Dr crokes took full advantage turning the game on its head and led 1-8 to 1-5 at the water break. And Dr crokes stretched that advantage to 4 points with 10 mins remaining on the clock. The legion boys didn't panic and with the speed and driving force of Darragh Fleming driving the team forward from Centre back the deficit was reduced to 2 points with time running out. Ryan O'Grady held his nerve to convert two late frees to give legion a very well deserved share of the spoils. Overall this was super team performance taking into consideration we were down to 13 men for the majority of the second half. Well done to the team management and lads.

MINOR LADIES

Our very brave minors had their last county game in Fossa where after a great battle both teams shared the spoils which was a good end to hard County League Campaign. Well done to the management and girls.

U-8/U-10 GIRLS

Our u-8 and u-10 girls welcomed Fossa girls on Saturday mornings academy. A super morning of fun and games was had with some great skills on show by both sides. Thanks to Fossa Gaa for coming to visit us and for everyone abiding by the Covid 19 guidelines.

JOANNE DOWNEY GOLF CLASSIC

We would urge all our members to support this worthy cause being held At Beaufort Golf Club on September 25th and 26th. Please contact Tommy Galvin on 086-3171312 for further details.

JUVENILE ACADEMY

The Juvenile Academy continues every Saturday morning. All Safe Return to Play protocols in place. See you Saturday 10:30am, new members welcome.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club shop is open every Saturday morning at 10:30am-11:30am, New stock available in all sizes.

GOOD WELL

Good well to Micheal Devlin who picked up an injury with the seniors, Wishing you a speedy recovery.

LEGION LOTTO RESULTS

2-3-9-22 Bonus 24

Match 3's

Suzanne Smith

Paul Corridon, Loch Lein, Killarney

Joan Culloty, OSullivan's Place

Da O Coffey, Dromin, Fossa



FIRIES U12 Hurling team who beat both Abbeydorney and Rathmore this past week and due to play south Kerry on Friday.

Niamh O'Leary, 16 O Kelly Villas

Jackpot €6000 plus bonus €10,000, Draw next Sunday 9pm Murphy's Bar.

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

COISTE NA NOG

Training continues on to the pitch in Farranfore with U6 and U8 boys and girls & U10 boys on Saturday. All new player welcome. All players are reminded to bring their own water bottles. Parents are encouraged to drop and go. Remember No membership/No Health Questionnaire - No play. Thank all parents, coaches and players for their co-operation with covid procedures.

Please note that it is now mandatory that all players of all codes MUST pay €2 for training.

Many thanks to our neighbours Kilcummin for hosting our U10's for number of friendly games on Saturday

COVID 19 RETURN TO PLAY

The GAA Health Questionnaire must be filled out by all players (adult) and parents of players (Juvenile) prior to the first training session that you attend. The link is below. Please print or take a screenshot when complete.

<https://returntoplay.gaa.ie/>

EXAM RESULTS

Well done to all the Leaving Cert Students that received their results on Monday.

MINOR BOYS FOOTBALL

Furies Minors played their last game for the year at the weekend and many thanks to all the players for their commitment through the year.

LOTTO

Our club lotto had a welcome return on Monday night. Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and don't forget to get one for next week!!

No's Drawn 6, 10, 22 & 27

NO WINNER

Peter Costello Roxborough

Shauna Flynn, Doonkinane

Tim Teahan, Ballinalane

Dermot Kelly, c/o Bridie

Canus O'Sullivan, c/o Bridie

The draw for next weeks Jackpot of €2,900

Get your lotto tickets from all the usual sellers, Club Officers, from any of the shops and business in the parish or online via the Furies page on Clubforce. Thanks you all for your continued support.

EAST KERRY GAA

Best of luck to Furies Members involved with the East Kerry team and management as the play St. Brendans on Friday night in the semi-final of the Senior Football County Championship.

HURLING

Training continues in Farranfore on Thursdays from 7 to 8pm for U6 to U14. All new boys and girls are more than welcome to join, all hurling gear provided for newcomers.

RESULTS

U12 Boys Football Furies A 5-15 Kenmare A 1-03

U12 Boys Football Furies B 5-14 Kenmare B 5-03

U14 Boys Football Furies 3-06 Na Gaeil 1-09

U12 Hurling Furies 5-06 Abbeydorney 4-03

U12 Hurling Furies 6-06 Rathmore 2-02

U14 Girls Div 4A Final Chorca Dhuibhne 2-07 Furies 2-05

U16 Boys Furies 3-12 Na Gaeil 3-10

Minor Boys Football Laune Ranger 8-15 Furies 4-10

Junior Football League Furies 1-15 Fossa 1-12

FIXTURES

Junior Football League away vs Cromane Friday 11th 7pm

U12 Boys Hurling at Home Vs South Kerry Friday 11th at 6.30pm.



Be Responsible - Be Safe



KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

RESULTS

for Visage Single Stableford held Sunday 6th September on Killeen Course

| | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1st | Sinead Lynch (21) | 41 pts |
| 2nd | Deirdre Prendergast (6) | 40 pts |
| BC | Mairead Martin (+2) | 39pts |
| 3rd | Maire Murphy (26) | 39pts (B9) |
| 4th | Aine Martin (13) | 39 pts (B9) |
| 5th | Siobhan Brosnan (10) | 39pts |

Next weeks competition Dooks Exchange

Open Day KGFC Wednesday 16th September

KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB

A few shocks were expected as part of Pitch & Putt Ireland's decision to reduce the opening rounds of their National Gents Matchplay Championships to 18 holes but few would have expected defending Mens champion Damien Fleming of Deerpark to be the first victim of the condensed early rounds at Larkspur Park in Cashel last Saturday.

Damien lost the very first match of the day to Anthony Culhane of the Tipperary Hills club 3&2 as he failed to go ahead of the Tipperary player once Culhane took an early lead. Only two of the five Kerry players made it to the second round as Alan Hobbart and Darren Goodall were the only players from the Kingdom to win their opening games. Alan was defeated by eventual runner-up Ian Dillon from St Bridgets in Kildare at the last hole 1 down while Darren lost by the same margin over Pacelli Darcy from Bruff. Jason O'Regan lost to eventual quarter-finalist Sean Goggin of MacBride 2&1 while Michael Conway lost by the same margin to Eoin Mithen from Loughlinstown in Dublin.

Over in Hillview in Clonmel Tralee's Lisa O'Connor received a walkover from Oldcastle's Suzanne O'Reilly in the first round of the Ladies Nett event but was unfortunately well beaten by Veronica Anglim from the host club in the quarter-finals 10&9.

This weekend sees the U16's in the county travel to Athgarvan in Kildare for the delayed National U16 Strokeplay Championships because of the public health restrictions for the Lilywhite County over the last month.

We wish those travelling a safe journey to the Curragh for the event.

ROSS GC, KILLARNEY - GENTS CLUB

RESULTS

On Sept 5th/6th we held a Strokeplay Competition sponsored Killarney Self Catering/ Rookery Mews and the winners were :-

- 1... Seamus McCarthy (19) 64
- 2....Peter Wickham (12) 66
- 3... Seamus O'Donoghue (11) 68.
- Best Gross. Kevin O'Callaghan 80
- 4.... Tomas Horan (22) 69

On Friday 4th we held a 10 hole mixed scramble and BBQ sponsored by Michael O'Shea. This event was again very well supported with a large turnout for both in the golf and the BBQ. The winning team was :- Ken Grieve, Pauline Lyne, Michael J O'Connor, Ann Wrenn.

Corrina equals course record at Killarney GC



Garrett Donnelly General Manager (fifth from left) making a special presentation to Corrina Griffin who equalled the Course Equalling Score -7 on O'Mahony's Point Course (which was scored by Mary Geaney on 1993) with (from left) Harry O'Neill Captain, Sally Cooper Youth Officer, Anne Looney Lady Captain and Marguerita Mulcahy Club President at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney.

FIXTURES

On Friday Sept 11th :- The Gents Club will organise a 9 hole mixed scramble and BBQ. The scramble will cost €5 and the BBQ will cost €10. The BBQ must be ordered and paid for by lunchtime Thursday. Please put your name on the Scramble Entry Sheet in the Clubhouse before 4pm on Friday and we will have a 6pm sharp shotgun start.

On Saturday Sept 12th and Sunday 13th--We will hold a single stableford competition on the White Course and the timesheet is now available in the clubhouse.

THE CLUB MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

is now at the quarter final stage and it is planned to play the final before the end of September.

CASTLEROSSE LADIES GOLF

RESULTS

Competitions played on 4th Sept. 18 Hole Stableford 1st Una Moroney 33 pts (27); 2nd Helen Healy 28 pts (41); 3rd Mary Tobin 27 pts (24). 9 hole Stableford 1st Chan Martin 17 pts (18); Claire Horgan 17 pts (39); 3rd Kitty O'Grady 14 pts (40).

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (LADIES BRANCH)

29TH/30TH AUGUST

Captain's Prize to Ladies - Sponsored by Captain Ken West

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Maire Ni Loinsigh (20) | 41 pts |
| 2nd | Claire Keating (8) | 40 pts |
| 3rd | Maeve Quirke (22) | 38 pts |

FIXTURES

13th September - President's Prize/Round 6 Golfer Of The Year - 18 hole Stroke - Sponsored

by President Terry Ryan and Ladies Branch 11th September- Open Friday - 18 hole Single Stableford (Open to Ladies & Gents) - Sponsored by Clifford's Groundcare

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S BRANCH

29TH & 30TH AUGUST - BILL MCDONALD TROPHY - SPONSORED BY SEAMUS WELDON

Overall Winner: Niall Greaney (10) 68 net Division 1

1st Mark O'Mahony (13) 71 Nett

2nd Paul Fahy (12) 72 Nett

Division 2

1st Pat Quill (18) 73 Nett

2nd Seamus O'Brien (20) 74 Nett

Division 3

1st Ted Ahern (28) 71 Nett

2nd Humphrey Kerins (21) 73 Nett

28th August - Open Friday Sponsored by Clifford's Groundcare

Winner: Niall Dillion (21) 35 pts

4th September - Open Friday Sponsored by Clifford's Groundcare

Winner: John Neylon (12) 41 pts

FIXTURES

13th September - 18 hole Stableford (Yellow Tees) - Sponsored by President Terry Ryan

11th September - Open Friday - 18 hole Single Stableford (Ladies & Gents) - Sponsored by Clifford's Groundcare.



REPORT BY LEONA TWISS, PRO



KERRY GAA SCENE

KEANE'S SUPERVALU MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL 2020

Congratulations to East Kerry on winning the Keane's SuperValu Minor Football Final last Wednesday. It was a brilliant game which was decided in extra time. St Brendans were excellent opponents and gave it everything-congratulations to Oisin Maunsell who was presented with the Man of the Match trophy by Peter Keane and Tim Murphy, Chairman of the Kerry County Board presented East Kerry Captain Kevin O Sullivan with the Cup.

Our thanks to the Keane family for sponsoring this excellent Championship. Also we wish to thank Terence Houlihan, Kerry County Board Coaching Officer for coordinating the competition.

THE GAA'S ONLINE IRISH LANGUAGE MAGAZINE 'CUAILLE' OUT NOW

The 2nd edition of the GAA's online quarterly magazine 'Cuaille' is out now. Check out the articles on Galway's 1980 hurlers, on David Clifford, Terence McNaughton, Richie Hogan and much more. Also in this latest edition find a word-search, a crossword, and 10 quiz questions all suitable for learners and fluent speakers. Download 'Cuaille' from the GAA website. Bainigí taitneamh as!

GARVEY'S FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINALS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we are all set for two brilliant semi-finals in the Garvey's Senior Football Championship. First up on Friday night is the clash of the Districts when East Kerry face St Brendan's Board in Austin Stack Park at 7.30pm. Then at 7pm on Saturday night at the same venue, Mid Kerry face the last Club in the Championship Dr Crokes. The game on Friday



Action from the Keane's Supervalu Minor Football Final between East Kerry and St. Brendan's. PICTURES: SEAMUS HEALY

is live on TG4 and Saturday's game will be live streamed on the Kerry GAA website. The match programme can be downloaded from the Kerry GAA website on Friday afternoon which along with the teams will also have match previews of the games ahead.

As well as the Garvey's Senior Championship, there are big games down for decision this weekend also in the Kerry Petroleum Club Championship. On Saturday at 4pm, Cordal play Scartaglin in the Junior Championship play-off in Castleisland. Then at 5pm Finuge

take on Ballydonoghue in the remaining Junior Premier Quarter Final. On Sunday we can look forward to two thrilling games both fixed for Fitzgerald Stadium. At 1.30pm Kilcummin and Temploe will battle it out in the Senior Football Championship Relegation play – off. This game will be followed by the Senior Club Football Championship Final at 3.30pm featuring Kenmare Shamrocks and Austin Stacks. Both games from Fitzgerald Stadium will be live-streamed on the Kerry GAA website.



Action from the Keane's Supervalu Minor Football Final between East Kerry and St. Brendan's. PICTURES: SEAMUS HEALY

DEER PARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

NATIONAL MATCHPLAY Unfortunately, our Club Chairman Damien Fleming was eliminated in the first round of his defence of the National Mens Matchplay title last Saturday in Larkspur Park, losing his 18-hole match with Anthony Culhane of Tipperary Hills 3&2.

U16 CAPTAIN'S PRIZE Thanks to those who took part in Cillian Courtney's Prize last Saturday, results as follows: Overall Nett: Mark Carroll 95, Overall Gross: Fintan Martin 110, 15-16 Prizewinner: Eoghan Crowley 96, 13-14 Prizewinner: Jake Downing 104, 0-12 Prizewinner: Brian McCarthy 100 and Hole-In-One: Jamie Downing 4th Hole. We will announce details of the presentation in due course.

Sunday Draws: Three Players, 2 scores count each hole- Nett: Aidan O'Keeffe, Sean O'Brien & Dara Moynihan 78 and Gross: Sean Ashe, Noel Moynihan & Niall O'Loughlin 99.

NATIONAL U16 STROKEPLAY Best Wishes and a safe journey to our U16 members who are heading to Athgarvan in Kildare on Saturday for the re-arranged event now that the Public Health measures for the county have been lifted.

RICKY KELLY While we are holding this event, in association with the Tatler Jack Bar, on the weekend we had intended at the start of the year it certainly has been a rocky road in getting here! The format is a Three Ball Scramble once more with entry €30 per team for 18 holes and €50 for two rounds with a team's best 18 holes to count. Times of play from 4pm-5.30pm tee-off on Friday, 10am-5pm tee-off on Saturday and 9am-3pm tee-off on Sunday. We will announce details of the presentation at a different time.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB MEN'S CLUB

RESULTS of the Cross Refrigeration sponsored Mens' Competition held in Dooks Golf Club on the

6th of September.

1st. Mike Howard (08) - 42 pts
2nd. Con O'Connor (19) - 39 pts
3rd. Declan Glavin (07) - 39 pts
4th. Brian O'Leary (17) - 39 pts
5th. Brian Regan (12) - 38 pts
6th. Denis Carroll (08) - 38 pts
7th. Tadgh O'Keefe (14) - 38 pts
Best Gross. Donal Considine (01) - 34 pts
Cat 2. James Lynch (11) - 37 pts
Cat 3. Louis Holland (13) - 37 pts
Cat 4. Ted O'Sullivan (20) - 37 pts
Standard scratch was 35pts.

Commiserations to the Bruen team losing in the fourth round, 3 games to 2 against an excellent well coached Berehaven team. Two matches were lost at the death and fittingly Berehaven birdied the 18th on Killeen into the wind in the final match to win in style befitting the contest.

COMMUNITY FOCUS

RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA NEWS

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SHARE THE BUCKET

The Gneeveguilla Community Development Council in association with the Gneeveguilla Basketball club had our weekly draw for our share the bucket on Friday evening 4/9/2020.

The jackpot was € 261...and our winner was Fiona Hurley. Congrats Fiona. Next Friday we have a guaranteed €350 to be won. Guaranteed winner every week, go to our Facebook page to find out how and where you can play.

<https://www.facebook.com/gneeveguilla/>

Draw takes place every Friday eve @8:30 pm on Facebook live.

SYMPATHY

To families & friends Eileen Hickey (née Reen) Central Bar, Knocknagree, Chris Crowley & her family, Gullane, on the death of her mother, Mary Divilly, Kilkerrin, Galway who passed on Thurs. 20th August.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

FIRST COMMUNION IN RATHMORE PARISH

Sunday 13th September 10am & 12.30pm - Rathmore Church - Holy Family NS. Boys and Girls. Sunday 20th September- Gneeveguilla 10am - Gneeveguilla N.S.

Sunday 20th September - Rathmore 11.30am - Shrone, Hollymount & Meentogues N.S.

SATURDAY 26th September -s Knocknagree 10am - Knocknagree N.S.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Rathmore Branch

LOCAL CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT:

087 3462332.

THANK YOU

I wish to sincerely thank and am very grateful to parishioners who are continuing to respond so generously to the Parish finances at this time both by handing into parish office and on our Parish Website, and also to the offertory collection at each Mass - as you know baskets are not passed around at the Masses but at the back of the churches we have Offertory collection boxes and you can let your donation into this as you leave the church.

CLEANING & SANITISING OF CHURCHES

On behalf of all those attending Masses and visiting our churches we wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to all who clean and sanitise our churches after each Mass, and also to those who clean during the days of no celebration and are on a rota. Your time and effort helps to reassure everybody to safely attend Mass during these strange times.

Thank You

NO MASS IN KNOCKNAGREE ON NEXT SUNDAY

13th September due to First Communion in Rathmore. Mass in Rathmore on Saturday 19th September instead of Gneeveguilla due to First Communion.

BOOKING SEAT AVAILABILITY FOR MASSES

Bookings are now open for all Masses in September.

No need to book seats for Masses on Tuesdays at 9.30am. We have great attendance at the Tuesday morning masses in Rathmore and because of this we have morning Mass in Knocknagree - Wednesday 23rd September 9.30am (No booking required)

Thursday 1st October at 9.30am.

and evening Mass in Knocknagree on Thursday 10th & 17th September at 7pm.

The dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and Holydays of obligation remains

in place until further notice. Any day of the week fulfils your Sunday obligation. People are encouraged to attend. Mass on any day during the week. In this way, it is hoped that parishioners, who would have normally attended Mass on a Saturday night or Sunday morning pre Covid-19, can be accommodated at the Masses throughout the week. We have extra seat capacity in Gneeveguilla and Rathmore Churches.

LEAVING CERT

Congratulations to those who received their results this week. It's been a difficult and unusual year for the students, teachers and parents. Remember there is something out there for everyone!

RESULTS

Congratulations to East Kerry on winning the Minor Co Championship for fifth year in a row East Kerry 1-17 to St Brendan's 3-08 after extra time.

Congratulations to William Casey, Andrew Moyihan, Michael Dennehy, & Dan Casey selector, PRO Michael O'Mahony,

FIXTURES

East Kerry play St Brendans in the semi Final of County Senior Championship on this Friday September 11th at Austin Stack Park at 7-30 live on TG4. Best luck to all Rathmore & Gneeveguilla players involved.

NOTES

If you would like to add to the notes, please email Michael O'Mahony (momahony14@gmail.com) or ring or text 087-6676817. before 6pm. Sunday.

RATHMORE LADIES FOOTBALL

Randles Brothers Nissan Kerry Senior Ladies County Final between Southern Gaels and Rathmore which will take place at Fossa GAA grounds on Sunday, 13th September at 4pm stream live

*Randles Brothers Junior B Championship Semi Final***ABBEYDORNEY CLAIM VICTORY IN FOSSA***Abbeydorney 3 13 Fossa 3 10*

Fossa hosted Abbeydorney in the Junior B Semi Final on Monday evening. The sides met the week before with the game ending in a draw.

Abbeydorney started brightly and a Aisling Hanafin effort opened the scoring. Fossa were soon on level terms with a point from Erica McGlynn. Fossa conceded a goal from the Abbeydorney full forward Clodagh Walsh before Keelie O Connor slotted over a fine point from outside for Fossa. It was Abbeydorney who dug deep and tagged on three points from S Walsh, Caoimhe Spillane and a Aisling Hanafin free. Rebecca Falvey, Jessie Fitzell and Ada Relihan were strong in defence for the visitors. Melissa Buckley pounced on a loose ball that spilled from the Abbeydorney goalie Emma Ward and fired it to the back of the net.

Fiona Kissane, who replaced the injured Amy Moriarty, won a ball and sent it long to Anna Clifford who added a point for Fossa. The score at the water break was Abbeydorney 1-4 Fossa 1-3. Clodagh Walsh and Erica McGlynn with a goal a piece before Abbeydorney tagged on two more points from Caoimhe Spillane and Melanie Higgins. A point for Abbeydorney, two for Fossa, a Julie Cronin free and a well worked in point from a tight angle by Mollie Kelly saw the half time score Fossa 2-5 Abbeydorney 2-7. On resumption two pointed frees from Julie Cronin and Erica McGlynn had the game level. Melanie Higgins for Abbeydorney with a pointed free. McGlynn replied from play and Abbeydorney took the lead with a point leaving the score at the water break 2-9 to Fossa's 2-8. Erica McGlynn with 1-1 before Melanie Higgins added two points, one from a free, saw Fossa take the lead. Anna o Reilly, Kate Murphy and Maud Kelly were outstanding for Fossa in defence. It was Julie Cronin with Fossa's last point of the game

as it was Abbeydorney who finished the half stronger with a Caoimhe Spillane goal and two pointed frees from Melanie Higgins which saw them run out winners on the evening and must be complimented for this. Despite a half of a fantastic effort and indeed dominance Fossa were profligate in front of goal and left scoring chances after them. Fossa lost nothing in defeat and gave it their all until the final whistle. Best of luck to Abbeydorney in the Junior B Final.

Fossa: C Griffin, G Cahillane, M Kelly, K Talbot, A Moriarty, A O Reilly, K Murphy, O Dineen, K O Connor (0-1) M Kelly, (0-1) A Clifford (0-1) M Buckley (1-0) J Cronin (0-3, 2f), S Clifford E McGlynn (2-4, 1f). K O Connor, O Moynihan, F Kissane, R O Sullivan.

Abbeydorney: E Woods, A Ryan, F Kerdieez, J Fitzell, R Falvey, A Relihan, S Walsh, R McCarthy, L Collins, C Spillane, A Peevers, A Hanafin, M Higgins, N Casey C Walsh.

*Randles Brothers Junior A Championship R7***CROKES ADVANCE FOLLOWING GREAT GAME***Dr. Crokes 3-12 MKL Gaels 1-12*

Dr. Crokes hosted MKL Gaels in what turned out to be a hugely entertaining match in Lewis Rd. MKL made the better start but struggled to convert possession into scores. Emma Dineen almost had Crokes off to a blistering start but her rocket crashed back off the crossbar before Rheanne O'Shea opened their account. Caoimhe Evans set up Ailís Murphy for a well-executed equaliser but Crokes, showing some great teamwork, picked off points through Treasa O'Sullivan, Kate Stack, and Siobhán Burns. A hardworking Crokes midfield of Burns and Julie Delaney was giving them a slight edge and Emma Dineen in particular was causing problems up front with her pace. Ella Teahan was denied by a good block by Holly Power but the influential Caoimhe Evans doubled their score, 0-4 to -2. Crokes' riposte was deadly, though, with Emma Dineen cracking home a great goal just before the water break.

Meadbh Rochford won and converted a MKL

free before Kate Stack pointed for Crokes after good work by Dineen. Caoimhe Evans, the main heartbeat in the MKL engine, replied before Ella Teahan showed her class with a brilliant goal. By half-time MKL were level thanks to two frees by Meadhb Rochford and both sides were looking forward to the second half.

Lorraine Kennedy did very well to win a free scored by Caoimhe Evans, but Crokes hit an amazing purple patch in the third quarter. With the experienced trio of full back Kayleigh Cronin and midfielders Burns and Delaney on song, the whole team turned it up a gear and MKL struggled with their pace and combination play., Kate Stack and Jade Potts pointed before Rheanne O'Shea picked out Potts for a superb goal. Niamh Stack extended the lead before Kate Stack rattled in a third goal and Emma Dineen made it 2-4 scored without reply.

MKL had other ideas, though, especially Ella Teahan, Caoimhe Evans, and Meadhb Rochford, who notched 0-3, 2f to trim the gap. Julie Delaney

and Ella Teahan traded scores. Teahan worked her way in to shoot from close range but young keeper Jess Leahy did brilliantly to keep it out and Teahan had to settle for a subsequent point instead.

MKL kept pushing right to the finish, but late points by Marian O'Callaghan and Jade Potts secured a hard-earned but deserved victory for the Killarney side maintaining their 100% record in the group stages of the competition

Dr. Crokes: J Leahy, H Power, K Cronin, M Graham, A Fleming, A Doherty, T O'Sullivan (0-1), S Burns (0-1), J Delaney (0-1), A Sheahan, R O'Shea (0-1), N Stack (0-1), K Stack (1-3), Jade Potts (1-2), Emma Dineen (1-1). Subs S McMahon, M O'Callaghan (0-1), E Moloney

MKL Gaels: T Joy, C Tangney, C Carroll, K Piggott, L Prenergast, M Lehane, N Broderick, L Hickey, C Murphy, A Murphy (0-1), C Evans (0-3, 1f), E Teahan (1-2), C Evans, L Kennedy (0-1), M Rochford (0-6, 5f). Subs D Foley, Z Ashe, L Lenihan, M O'Dowd, E Tangney, A Kerrisk.

*Randles Brothers County Championship - 7th September***SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Beaufort 2-04 v Rathmore 3-13

Na Gaeil 5-06 v Southern Gaels 2-10

Intermediate Championship

Kilcummin 0-11 v Finuge St Senans 1-07

Scartaglin 2-04 v Spa 5-09

Castleisland Desmonds 4-13 v

Chorca Dhuibhne 0-15

ISG -v- Austin Stacks - ISG conceded

Junior A

Listowel Emmet's 5-07 v Legion 3-08

MKL Gaels 1-12 v Dr Crokes 3-12

John Mitchels 0-05 v Clounmacon/Moyvane 8-11

Laune Rangers v Bye

Junior B Semifinals

Cromane 5-14 v Currow 1-05

Fossa 3-10 v Abbeydorney 3-13

Junior C Semi Final

Annascaul/Castlegregory 4-13

v Beale/Ballyduff 0-02

Ballymac v Rathmore B - 8th September

Fixtures**Randles Brothers County****Championship 13 September****Senior Final**

Rathmore -v- Southern Gaels -

4pm - Fossa GAA Complex

Junior B Final

Abbeydorney -v- Cromane -

Time & Venue TBC. See Social Media

Junior C Final

Annascaul/Castlegregory -v- Ballymac or Rathmore

B - Time & Venue TBC. See social media

Intermediate Championship Semi Finals - Monday

14 September

Castleisland Desmonds -v- Spa

Finuge/St. Senans -v- Chorca Dhuibhne

FOSSA NEWS

Written by: Shane Kelly

FOSSA U11

FOSSA SENIOR MEN

FT FOSSA 2-10 SKELLIG RANGERS 0-8.

Fantastic Result for our senior team last Saturday evening qualifying for the Premier Junior Championship semi-final, a great team performance special mention to Harry, Ruairi and especially Emmett O'Shea who kick 2-3 from play, also our defence who put in an outstanding performance from Start to finish. Well done to all the players and management.

Fossa team:

Dan Cronin, Kevin McCarthy, Fintan Coffey, Ruairi Doyle, Dan O'Keeffe, Anthony O'Keeffe, Paddy Sheehan, Matt Rennie 0-1, Eoin Talbot, Mark Dennehy, Paudie Clifford 0-1, Harry Buckley, Emmett O'Shea 2-3, David Clifford 0-4, Tadgh O'Shea 0-1.

Subs: Cian O'Shea, Anthony Wharton, Mike O'Keeffe, Dan O'Connell, Brian Myers.

FOSSA MINORS

Minor League Rd 3 Full Time:

Fossa 0-17, Kilcummin 1-12.

Great result by our Minors who topped their division and completed a great weekend for our Senior Teams. Congratulations to all the players and management.

Team Keelin O'Brien, Joe Cahillane, Pdraic Talbot, Jackson O'Mahony, Simon Coffey, Donnacha Greally, Rian Colleran, Ruairi Doyle, Colm Talbot, Darren Cronin, Harry Buckley, Eoghan Myers, Jack Clifford, Emmet O'Shea, James O'Shaughnessy. Subs: Ryan O'Leary, Harry Kelly, Cian Doyle, Darragh O'Brien.

Scorers:

Emmett O'Shea 0-8, Harry Buckley 0-4, Darren Cronin 0-2, Jack Clifford 0-2, Ruairi Doyle 0-1.

FOSSA SENIOR LADIES

Fossa 3-11, Abbeydorney 2-14

A well earned draw by our Ladies last Monday week in the Junior B Championship.

MINOR LADIES

The Fossa/Glenflesk Minor team who finished their Div 2 County league campaign with a draw against Killarney Legion.

U16 GIRLS

Fossa 7-10, Castleisland Desmonds 7-12.

Hard luck to our U16 girls who narrowly lost out to Castleisland Desmonds last Wednesday in Div 3 of the Co Lge. Both teams put on a fantastic display of football.

U-12 GIRLS

Well done to our U12 Girls on their win in the 1st round of Division 1 of the South Kerry County League in a great game against Cromane in Fossa on Tuesday evening, next up for the girls Scartaglen and Southern Gaels.

U14 GIRLS

Our U14 Girls had a fantastic win over Na Gaeil last Sunday in Fossa in Rd 6 of the County League. Rd 7 sees them away to Legion next Sunday evening.

FOSSA JUNIORS

FOSSA 1-12, FIRIES 1-15

Our junior team lost out to a very strong Furies team in a highly competitive game, despite a goal from veteran Mikey Cronin Furies pull away at the end we play Listry in our last game at home at 1pm this Sunday.

U12 BOYS

Fossa 5-17 Rathmore 5-18.

Team 1: Unfortunately on the wrong side of a very close and entertaining contest.

Fossa 5-12 Rathmore 1-06.

Team 2: We got a great win and performance.

A few early goals from Mikey Maroney setting the tone.

U14 BOYS

Fossa 14's travelled to Dingle last Wednesday evening in Round 2 of the second phase of league.

The Fossa boys played with the aid of a strong breeze in the first half and had a good lead at the half time mark.

Dingle had the breeze in the second half and they came back into the game.

By the 3rd quarter Fossa were down by 1 point. After the water break Fossa got a goal and went two up.

However Dingle kept the pressure up and they scored two points in the final minutes.

Conditions were wet and slippery but the game was very exciting and the teams were well matched.

The game ended in a draw.

EAST KERRY

Well done East Kerry minors, 5 in a row. Very proud of Willie and the nine Fossa lads.

Best of Luck to the East Kerry seniors in their county championship semifinal this Friday night especially to Paudie and David Clifford.

LOTTO

Date 6th September 2020 Numbers Drawn

4,1,5,11

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SHANE KELLY, COOLICK KILCUMMIN;

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ELLEN & SHELLY CLIFFORD, 2 MILE SCHOOL;

TARA FLEMING, COOLCORCORAN KILLARNEY.

Next weeks Jackpot €8700.00

GLENFLESK NEWS

Written by: Seamus Healy

MINOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

East Kerry have completed the five in a row at minor level after beating St Brendans after extra time in a titanic battle in Tralee last Wednesday evening. Glenflesk, once again had a huge role to play in the win. Cian Lynch gave an exhibition of defending, with two blocks of the highest order to deny St Brendan's certain scores. Michael Mullane was up and down the field nonstop, scoring one point and only denied a goal by the crossbar. Captain Killian O'Sullivan scored three points and ran himself into the ground and deservedly got to hoist the trophy into the Tralee night sky. Tommy Bowler scored two points, the second one a magnificent effort from out wide. Dylan Roche scored one point, and his defensive work in the tackle led to winning at least two frees. Luke Crowley scored a point and his beautifully disguised hand pass set up the crucial goal. Kevin Bowler buried the ball to the net with one of his first touches with a finish of premier league quality. It was John Kelliher who would get the decisive score that finally turned the game East Kerry's way

cutting in on his left foot to split the posts. Congratulations to all the boys and mentors Jerry Mullane and Eamon Bowler on being involved in this historic victory. Scorers: East Kerry: A O'Shea (0-6, 5 frees), K Bowler (1-0), K O'Sullivan (0-3), T Bowler (0-2, 1 free), C Foley, D Roche, M Mullane, D Cronin, L Crowley and J Clifford (0-1 each).

St Brendan's Board: D O'Sullivan (1-3), O Maunsell (1-1), E Ferris (1-0), J Daly, D O'Connor, D Broderick ('45) and B Hanafin (0-1 each).

Teams: East Kerry: W Casey (Rathmore); P Talbot (Fossa), D O Callaghan (Kilcummin), C Lynch (Glenflesk); R Colleran (Fossa), A Moynihan (Rathmore), M Mullane (Glenflesk); P O'Leary (Gneeveguilla), K O'Sullivan (Glenflesk); D Cronin (Fossa), C Foley (Kilcummin), M Keane (Listry); T Bowler (Glenflesk), A O'Shea (Listry), D Roche (Glenflesk).

Subs: K Bowler (Glenflesk) for D Cronin (58), L Crowley (Glenflesk) for M Keane (58), J Clifford (Fossa) for T Bowler (60), J Kelliher (Glenflesk) for C Foley (e/t), K O'Brien (Fossa) for M Mullane (e/t), C Murphy (Kilcummin) for

D Roche (e/t).

Senior Co. Championship Semi Final

Best wishes to East Kerry and our players taking part in the Semi final of the Senior Co. Championship against St. Brendans Board on Friday 11th September at 7.30 in Austin Stack Park. This game is being shown live on T.G.4.

Glenflesk Players; Dara Roche, Chris O'Donoghue, Daniel O'Brien, Jeff O'Donoghue, Brian O'Donoghue, Shane Courtney, Patrick Darcy and Marc Kelleher.

CLUB LOTTO

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 31/8/20 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €3,200. Numbers : 1, 9, 10, 30 Consolation Prizes 1) Tim Murphy, Headford 2) Tim Murphy (Sellers' Prize). 3) Con Murphy, Shrone draugh (Yearly Ticket) 4) Derek Fleming, Artigalvin (Yearly Ticket) Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 14/9/2020 Jackpot will be €3,400. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and thanks to our Lotto sellers and Committee.



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LISTRY NEWS

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien



Anthony Clifford, John Wrenn, Marc O'Shea and Kevin Courtney with signed Kerry and Listry Jersey's from Tomas and Marc O'Shea for Listry GAA Annual Golf Classic in Memory of Shane Courtney raffle prizes on Sat 12th September. Raffle tickets can be purchased from our members.

SHANE COURTNEY MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

Our Annual Shane Courtney Memorial Golf Classic in aid of Listry GAA club takes place in Maine Valley Golf Club Killorglin on Saturday 12th September. As you can appreciate with our lotto suspended for the moment we are very much reliant on the golf classic to raise much needed funds for our club. Teams of 4 available at 120 euro each or individual players can play as part of a team for 30 euro. Tee box sponsorships are also available at 50 euro each. We will also have a raffle on the day and any sponsorship towards

this will be very much appreciated. Please contact Anthony Clifford 087 2215059 John Wrenn 087 1273702 Noel O Sullivan 085 1743351. On the raffle we are delighted to announce 3 fantastic prizes along with many more smaller prizes; A specially commissioned professional painting of an aerial view of Killarney Golf Club, Listry Jersey and a Kerry Jersey both signed by the famous O Se brothers of Kerry and An Gaeltacht. The painting is kindly sponsored by the Sugrue family Lissivane and of course the jersey's by our own senior manager Marc O Se. Huge thanks to both. Tickets will be available from committee

members or contact above persons.

JUVENILE UPDATE AND RESULTS

Week ending Sunday August 30th.

U14 County League Div 8

Thursday

Keel Listry B 5.12

Milltown Cmaine B 4.11

U14 County League Div 1.

Wednesday

Keel Listry A 1.11

Kilcumin A 2.15

U12 County League Div 2

Sunday 30th.

Na Gaeil Green 5.11

Listry Green 5.15

Na Gaeil White 5.20

Listry White 5.12

JUVENILE UPCOMING FIXTURES:

U16 Round 3, 2nd Phase Keel /Listry V Fries on 12th September.

LIVE STREAMING: Listry GAA would like to thank Charlie Coakley, Woodlands Equestrian Centre for kindly sponsoring the Minor Premier Championship match against Brosna last Sunday.

KEANE'S SUPERVALU C. MINOR

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL: Congratulations to the East Kerry team and management especially to Aaron O'Shea and Michael Keane from Listry. Final Score East Kerry 1.17 St. Brendan's Board 3.08

KILCUMMIN NEWS

Written by: John Moriarty Email: info@kilcumminparish.com

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good have contracted the services of O'Leary & Associates to prepare a community plan for the village of Kilcummin. Due to restrictions around public meetings we are asking people to participate in the consultation process and have their say by completing an online community survey. A link to the survey will be available on our facebook page. We would encourage as many people as possible to complete the survey as it is important that everyone has an opportunity to contribute to the future development of Kilcummin. The survey will also be sent to all organisations in the parish. People have from September 16th up until September 30th to complete the survey. This community plan is kindly funded by NEWKD CLG under the LEADER Programme and is also supported by Kerry Country Council.

If anyone does not have access to our facebook page and would like to participate, we can post a hard copy of the survey to you. You can contact the Rural Development Office at 064-6643357 or Kilcummin Looking Good members Tony at 087-6258641 / Sheila at 087-7944679

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give

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BUTTON ACCORDION CLASSES

Button Accordion classes with Conor Moriarty continue in the Rural Development Office. These one to one classes are for all grades including beginners and will run under strict Covid 19 regulations. To book your time please contact Conor on 087-9698063 asap as places will be filled on a first come basis.

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KILCUMMIN GAA MINOR CO CHAMPIONSHIP

A huge congratulations and applause is due to our eight players and selector James Foley as part of the East Kerry team who captured the Minor Co Championship on Wednesday last after a thrilling extra-time victory over a gallant St Brendans team. The players involved were Dara ' Callaghan, Cian Foley, Colm Kelliher, Andrew Lowin, Cian Murphy, Jack McClain, Mark O 'hea

and Adam O Sullivan.

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RELEGATION FIXTURE

Our seniors play Templenoe in a tie that will see the losers return to the Intermediate grade at 1.30 in Fitzgerald stadium this Sunday.

MASTERGEEHA F.C.

Congratulations to Mastergeeha seniors in winning the Division 2A final on Friday night. Winning by 3 - 1 with goals from Mike Baker and Philip O'Leary scoring 2.

LOTTO MASTERGEEHA FC LOTTO

There was no winner of the Lotto on Friday 4th September 2020. Numbers drawn were 1, 6, 13, 27. Consolation prizes went to the following: €50 Denis Walsh, Milleen, Kilcummin €50 Kieran Nagle, Mastergeeha, Kilcummin €50 Dáithí Healy, c/o The Village Inn, Kilcummin, €50 Brendan & Helen Buckley, Inch, Kilcummin. Next draw on Friday 11th. Jackpot €3,800.

SOCCER TRAINING Our U-11 to U-17 teams are starting to resume training again. Team managers may have been in contact with existing members and new players are welcome to join. For information, please contact 086 4098405. More details to follow for our academy U-5 to U-10 in the coming weeks.



Damien McCarthy Assoc. CIPD 086 - 1936752

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SPA GAA

Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

CO MINOR LEAGUE RD3

Our Spa minors played their last Co League game of the group stages at home to Ardfert on Saturday afternoon. Ardfert were the stronger team on the day and won out well in the end. Spa played with a young team in the league competition and well done to all the players and to coaches Conor Kerins and Brian Devane.

DR CROKES HURLERS INTO**INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL**

Congratulations to Spa's Michael Horgan and Rory Waters with the Dr Crokes hurlers on their Co Intermediate semi-final win on Friday night. They now play Tralee Parnells in the Intermediate Hurling Championship Final on Sept 19th/20th (details TBC).

CONGRATULATIONS TO EAST KERRY MINORS

Congratulations to the East Kerry Minors who were crowned 2020 Minor Co Champions in Austin Stack Park last Wednesday night after a fantastic final, just one score between the sides at the end. Well done to the team and management including Spa players Rian O'Neill and Róiri O'Connor. Final Score (after extra time): East Kerry 1-17 St Brendans 3-8

SENIOR LADIES INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP SPA V ISG

Spa Senior ladies continued their winning streak against Inbhear Sceine Gaels when they travelled to Templenoe. A tough opponent resulting with them receiving two yellow cards one in each half for the sin bin. Spa started very strong with half forward Niamh Kearney burying a great goal in the first few seconds of the game. Spa refused to let them settle and this resulted with the opposition in giving away silly frees with Niamh only too delighted to score each time. The forward line of Kearney, Jones and Fleming were causing all sorts of problems for their backs and slotted over great scores. Young Mairead Bennett was outstanding as wing half back and pushed up scoring a point. Their full forward line replied with three points, but the gap was still too wide going into half time with Spa leading 1-8 to ISG 0-3.

Second half Spa started well with Mags Cronin claiming the first score of the half. This was shortly followed by Saoirse Kelly and Lynn Jones. In fact, it was all Spa for the 3rd quarter with great scores from the forward line scoring 2-4 without reply. Pressure was on the home side, but Spa kept up their intensity with super sub Grainne Spillane scoring a beaut of a goal seconds after being introduced. Inbhear Sceine Gaels added another two points, but the deficit was too much to make any impact

on the final result. Final whistle a third win in a row for Spa 4-16 to 0-5.

Last round of the championship finds our senior team away to Scartaglin. This is vital as both teams on same points and winner claims a place in the semi final.

Spa: Linda Bruggener, Elisabeth Stack, Ciara Moynihan 0-1, Aisling Mahony, Gina Crowley, Katie O'Brien, Mairead Bennett (0-2), Loreta Maher, Cassandra Buckley, Mags Cronin (1-0), Niamh Kearney (1-3), Liadh Tobin, Lynn Jones (0-3), Saoirse Kelly (0-3) and Karol Fleming (1-2): Subs: Katie O'Connor, Alma O'Mahony, Orlaith Spillane, Grainne Spillane 1-1, Lisa Sheehan 0-1 and Elena O'Donoghue.

SENIOR LADIES

Well done to our Senior Ladies who, following a win away to Scartaglin on Monday night by 5-9 to 2-4, are now into the Intermediate Championship semi-finals.

U10 GIRLS

Our u10 girls continue to improve with all the fun games recently. Milltown travelled to Spa on Wednesday night for another great night's entertainment. Thanks to Liam Ryan, Margaret Falvey and Johnny Brosnan our fantastic coaches and Milltown club for making the journey.

U16 CO LEAGUE PHASE 2 ROUND 1

Spa u16's played their first game in phase 2 of the county league on Tuesday evening. They were away to Laune Rangers (B). The game was high scoring with a lot of fast flowing football. The boys got into an early lead and stayed ahead with some nicely taken points. Luke O'Neill chipped in with a hatrick of goals and helped by 2 goals by Aaron O'Connor. Oran Daly started & finished the move of the game, which started with him collecting the ball in midfield & slotting the ball between the posts. Donal Hickey was outstanding in the corner back position, collecting & winning a lot of ball. Christopher Healy was solid in the back line also. All in all, a very solid performance by all the boys & they can be really proud of their performance. Final score Spa 5-16 Laune Rangers 4-12

U16 CO LEAGUE PHASE 2 ROUND 2

Spa u16's made the journey to Sneem on Monday evening the 7th, for game 2 of phase 2. The game was Ref'd by Pat O'Neill, who stood in at the last minute. The game was a close affair. Unfortunately for the boys, we lost the game by a single point. A special mention the parents who got the boys to the game on Sneem. It was not an easy journey. The management really appreciated the effort. Final score: Spa 2-14 Templenoe/Sneem/Derrynane 3-12

UPCOMING FIXTURES

*Thursday September 10th: Junior Co League Rd3 Spa v Legion (6.30pm in Spa)

*Friday September 11th: Co Championship semi-final East Kerry v St Brendans (7.30pm on TG4)

*Sunday September 13th: U12 Co League Spa v Furies (6pm in Spa)

*September 19th: Intermediate Club Championship QF Spa v Laune Rangers (provisional)

Best of luck to all teams. Fixtures will be updated regularly on the website calendar so please check for any changes to games.

SPA LOTTO

Lotto Results Monday September 7th: No winner on the night and numbers drawn were 6, 9, 14, 24. €50 Lucky Dips go to De Breen, Dermot Coffey, Gene Cronin and Elaine Foley and the Annual Ticket Holders Monthly Draw winner is Stephen O'Brien. Next draw is Monday September 14th at the clubhouse and the jackpot is €5,600. Tickets are available ONLINE through spagaa.com or tickets will be on sale at the clubhouse during the Saturday Academy from 10am-11am.

The lotto generates important revenue to help run the club and maintain the club grounds and is our only source of fundraising at the moment. We are asking people to please support our club lotto during this difficult time. Many thanks, and we appreciate all support!

SPA MERCHANDISE SHOP

Spa Merchandise Shop is open every Saturday morning from 10am – 11am. Any enquiries contact Mathilda on 0876487356.

EXAM RESULTS

Well done to all students who received their Exam Results this week.

JUVENILE TRAINING

Every Saturday the Academy welcomes BOYS & GIRLS from ages 3 to 10 in the ABC, U6, U8 and U10 groups. The Academy starts at 10am each Saturday and new members are always welcome! If you would like any additional information or for any queries on juvenile training times, please contact our Coiste na nOg Secretary Andrew on 0871385612.

ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact Deirdre at pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 0851216359 before 8pm on Sundays



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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY takes a look at all things sport...



MICHEÁL Ó MUIRCHEARTAIGH – ALL STAR

Ireland as a nation grew up to the voice of Micheál Ó hEithir, conjuring images out of thin air and framing a narrative of a culture as much as a sport. Neighbours would gather in those few houses in the neighbourhood that had the old wet and dry battery radios and cheer on heroes they might well have never seen in the flesh, wishing that they were among the lucky few who had travelled overnight on the Ghost Train to mingle among those alien city-dwellers before making their way to the country cathedral (GAA was very much a culchie sport in those days, in Dublin you followed rugby if you were a social climber and soccer if you were a social drinker) that was Croke Park.

Ireland modernised during those decades, eventually the Ghost Train turned into the modern marvels we take so much for granted. Ó hEithir was happy to celebrate those advances – anyone who talks about the 'good old times' when austerity meant poverty and adulthood was a coin toss between social subservience or emigration clearly didn't live through those 'good old days'. They were hard times for the most part, which only added to the lustre of Kerry's fairly frequent glory days.

The mantle passed from the old-fashioned Ó hEithir who embraced modernity to one of our own, a gaeilgoir with an appreciation of the virtues of the past translated into a more modern, educated, less repressive world that carries inherent dangers and stresses of its own. The mellifluous tones of Kerry footballer Jerry 'Pluggie' Moriarty's nephew have adorned the airwaves, and Irish hearts and minds, ever since. He would have fitted easily into any Irish generation; he has defined the best of his own brilliantly. I'm not disrespecting Colm

O'Rourke or Pat Spillane (I have huge respect for both), Joe Brolly (we'll move on quickly), Des Cahill (he was nice about his time in Killarney with Dr. Crokes, so I'll give him a pass), Marty Morrissey ("there won't be a cow milked in Clare tonight!" is a great line, but Keith Barr topped it after Erin's Isle won the 1998 All Ireland Club Championship – "There won't be a cow milked in Finglas tonight!")....all of these are great commentators, and those of them I have been fortunate enough to meet are very nice people as well. But they are GAA celebrities. Micheál is different. He is one of our own. He will, literally, enjoy chatting to anyone about anything. He's quite happy to sign autographs and stand for selfies, but the fact that people want them always surprises him a little bit. He isn't a lofty observer of games; he lives them with every fibre. I'm not going to reel off his greatest quotes – the Rabbitte (Joe) and the Fox (Pat) is my personal favourite. Those quotes are all over the internet.

But Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh as an All Star? Ah look, does this reek at a fairly shoddy attempt at PR to anybody else? The All Stars are the fifteen hurling and football players in particular positions (often not the ones they actually played in, by the way) every year. Obviously, that's not appropriate for this year. But it certainly feels like Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh is being shoe-horned into a role just for the sake of media attention. It's like the time RTE gave Brian Cody man of the match in an All Ireland Final. I thought that was tacky as well. Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh isn't any mere All Star. He is way more important than that.

PAT DELANEY GOLF MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

St. Pats golf tournament in memory of the great Pat Delaney at Ross Golf Club was a huge success and a great tribute to one of nature's gentlemen and to the huge effort put in by all involved.

The winning team was led by another of those great GAA gentlemen, one of the greatest of them all. Tom Prendergast was one of the greatest Kerry footballers of all time. I have only ever heard one dissenter to the suggestion that he is the greatest footballer ever to come out of Keel – Tom himself told me that the honour must surely go to Jim Foley, who played with New York. Nope, the Foleys were great footballers, but I'm not giving you that one, Tom. In 1970 Kerry went on an overseas tour to Australia and had a whale of a time alongside some tough challenge matches. One of them was against Adelaide in a town called Wagga Wagga. Adelaide captain Peter Darley described Tom Prendergast as the 'greatest small man I have ever seen'. He was right, and

he could have spared an adjective and still been right. By the end of the year Kerry were champions, Donie O'Sullivan lifted the Sam Maguire, and wing back Tom Prendergast was the Footballer of the Year.

Tom (who should need no introduction to Killarney golf enthusiasts, of course) along with his son Enda and Ger Moloney won first place. Michael, Helen, and Michael Howard jnr. Took second, with twins Fionn and Tomas Holohan and Ewan McIndoe in third. Mike Brosnan of Team Tom Tobin was nearest the pin, while Joe Lyne of Killarney Credit Union had the longest drive.

Not that it matters, really, who won. Days like these are not about the prizes or the medals. Pat knew that as well or even better than anyone.

INTERMEDIATE SEMI-FINAL

Dr. Crokes 4-14 Kilmoyley 2-11

Kilmoyley were always going to be favourites for this one, with a host of former senior county champions and Kerry hurlers in their ranks like Aidan McCabe, Brendan Harris, Adrian Royle, and of course James McCarthy. However, Crokes had other ideas, especially with an infusion of young players into their ranks this year who fully respected their opponents, but never feared them.

James McCarthy opened Kilmoyley's account. Tom Doyle, less than half his age, promptly replied with two sharp points. McCarthy (2), Adrian Royle, and Donal Kennedy exchanged points with Jack Lenihan and Colm Ó Cuiv. 0-5 to 0-3.

Michael Lenihan, whose entrance had been temporarily delayed, quickly won and pointed a free. Brendan Harris replied, but with Mike Milner, Jack Lenihan, and Shane Lyne forming a strong midfield barrier and Michael Owen Buckley and Michael Horgan very quick onto loose ball, Crokes were starting to take over the play. With Michael Lenihan providing a great inside threat, Crokes notched four in a row through Shane Lyne and Lenihan (3, 1f). Brendan Harris pointed his second free to leave Crokes in front by 0-9 to 0-7 at half-time.

Kilmoyley left some scoring chances behind them and paid a big price when Michael Lenihan set up Aaron Murphy for a goal. Michael Lenihan added three more (2f) to his tally and Riche Farrisey scored a beauty to make it 1-13 to 0-7. Brendan Harris (f) and Eoin McCarthy pulled two back but Crokes had the wind in their sails now, Mark Heffernan cutting in for a great goal. Paudie Godley with a point and livewire Adrian Royle with a clever goal gave Kilmoyley hope, 2-13 to 1-10. It didn't last long; man of the match Jack Lenihan rattled the net a third time. Adrian Royle with 1-1 kept



Tom Doyle in action for Dr crokes.



Michael Lenihan (Crokes) leaves Kilmaley players in his wake!

hunting to the final whistle, but Tom Doyle's burst of speed sliced the defence once more for goal number four, and Michael Lenihan closed out a fabulous win.

Dr. Crokes haven't won a County Intermediate hurling title in almost twenty years (2001). They will face Tralee Parnells, who only entered Intermediate grade last year but saw off reigning champions Kilgarvan by 1-25 to 2-21.

A Killarney team versus a Tralee team in a Kerry hurling final – well, maybe a good omen. Killarney beat Austin Stacks back in 1969 for the town's first and only Kerry senior hurling title.

Dr. Crokes: Conor Bohane, Patrick Crehan, Brendan McMahon, Kevin Landers, Michael Owen Buckley, Mike Milner, Michael Horgan, Jack Lenihan (1-1), Shane Lyne (0-1), Kieran O'Connor, Colm Ó Cuiv (0-1), Mark Heffernan (1-0), Rob Ryan, Richie Farrissey (0-1), Tom Doyle (1-2, 1f). Subs Michael Lenihan 0-8, 4f (for Richie Farrissey, 12 mins), Aaron Murphy 1-0 (for Kieran O'Connor, 29 mins), Richie Farrissey

(for Rob Ryan, 35 mins), Owen Hayes (for Mark Heffernan, 59 mins), Cathal White (for Richie Farrissey, 62 mins)

TWO EAST KERRY TEAMS INTO PREMIER JUNIOR QUARTER-FINALS

Gneeveguilla 2-15 Ballymac 2-13

The game of the day. After a very quiet first quarter where Gneeveguilla led by 0-3 to 0-2, the game really burst into life. Vinnie Horan and Darragh Regan put Ballymac in front before Gneeveguilla hit a fantastic scoring spree. John O'Leary (2), Padraig O'Connor, Shane O'Sullivan, Padraig Doyle, and Conor Herlihy hit points and Sean O'Keeffe finished off a great team goal. Pa Warren and Padraig O'Connor were especially effective. Ballymac's Brian Lonergan had already made two great saves, one from a penalty, as they trailed by 1-9

to 0-5 at half-time. Shane O'Sullivan's goal after Conor Herlihy hit the post appeared to put the kibosh on things, but Ballymac actually worked themselves back into the game. Aidan Breen, man of the match, had 1-4 for his side and was constantly in action, while Dan O'Shea scored their other goal. Gneeveguilla had better teamwork, though, and hung on for a precious win in a cracker.

Fossa 2-10 Skellig Rangers 0-8

Skellig Rangers are a great side but seemed to make the mistake of assuming that Fossa rely on the talented Clifford brothers. They are, of course, superb quality – but they aren't the only quality on this Fossa team. Ruairí Doyle was the pick of a great defence, while Harry Buckley's industrial distribution fuelled sharpshooting Emmett O'Shea, who goaled in either half to finish with 2-3. David Clifford had 0-4, Paudie had 0-1, Matt Rennie kicked a good score from midfield, and Emmett's brother Tadhg was also on target, but this was a quality all round display.

Listry 1-8 Brosna 0-15

Danny Wrenn, John Foley, Barry Keane, and an excellent Ronan Buckley had Listry 0-4 to 0-2 ahead (Tom McGoldrick and Adam Barry on target for Brosna. Dean McAuliffe and Paul Walsh levelled matters but Listry owned the second quarter. Danny Wrenn hit a goal at the second attempt, with Anthony Kennedy, Ronan Buckley, and Ruairí Murphy adding points for a half-time 1-7 to 0-4 lead.

Unfortunately, the second half was a disaster for them as Brosna really hit turbo, Adam Barry (3), Tom McGoldrick (2) and Michael Finnegan pointing. Barry Keane pointed a free but it was just a brief interruption, with Brosna closing it out through Barry, Danny Moriarty, Thomas Fitzgerald, and Paul Walsh.

MOTOR-RACING

Waterford native Craig Breen and co-driver Paul Nagle from Killarney had a phenomenal race at the delayed Rally of Estonia, the Baltic nations covid-delayed first race in the World Championships. Breen and Nagle finished just 22.2. seconds behind Hyundai team-mate and reigning champion Ott Tanak. The pair were literally 0.4 of a second behind the pace-setter Rovaniemi on Stage 1, with Tanak in fourth. After stage 3, Tanak had taken command and Craig and Paul were his closest challengers – there was just 0.1 of a second between them on Stage 4. Tanak, on his native ground, managed to get 6 seconds between them after Stage 6 and a puncture late on Stage 7 saw Craig and Paul fall 10 seconds behind....but still comfortably in second place. Wins on Stage 9 and 10 closed the gap even further, but Tanak was simply too good to be caught.

I'm not pretending to know a lot about motor-racing (guess what? I really don't) but I know what it means that the differences, after long hard days spent behind the wheel, are measured, quite literally, in milliseconds. That's a tough sport, in fairness!

KERRY WAY ULTRA MARATHON

Last weekend saw endurance and willpower dominate even the incredible scenery as Athletes competed in the Kerry Way Ultra Marathon – a 200km non stop endurance race, traversing the MacGillycuddy's Reeks and Iveragh Peninsula's ancient trails. It is Ireland's longest distance trail Route. Athletes from Ireland and further-flung shores came to experience the gravity as well as the beauty of this particular race. There were three events in total - the Kerry Way Ultra - 200km, the Kerry Way UltraLite - from Sneem to Killarney and a new Kerry Way UltraNite - from Waterville to Killarney.

SOCCER

Tough Debut For Kenny

All of the headlines about Irish soccer have been negative of late (the fact that neither Gary Owens nor Niall Quinn have any interest in staying on with the FAI is a victory for the old guard who pulled that house down from the inside). It seemed reasonable to hope that the resumption of international action would help to lift the spirits a bit, particularly when Ireland had a progressive manager committed to midfield play and an attacking mindset. Respectfully, Bulgaria are the kind of team that we really should be putting away, having only two players who play at a recognisable level. It didn't go well. Luckily, it wasn't on television (another debacle that is the legacy of a failed administration), but reports are unanimous that Ireland's most glaring failing, no recognised goalscorer since Robbie Keane, was again apparent. More worryingly, it was the old guard who saved our blushes, Shane Duffy powering home a 93rd minute header from a set piece to equalise. The game against Finland always looked like a problem – the fact that the Irish media paid more attention to the fact that Finland had an O'Shaughnessy in their ranks



Kevin Leahy in the Kerry Way Ultra Marathon. PICTURE: VALERIE O'SULIVAN

rather than Ireland's chances tells what way the wind was blowing. They weren't wrong; Finland only scored once but that was enough to see off a toothless Ireland.

I'm not one for the old guff about 'Kenny's only in the door; give him a chance'. Ireland's problem has never been Staunton, McCarthy, Trappatoni, or O'Neill. It's the lack of genuine quality players. So I'm fine with Stephen Kenny encouraging players to use the ball instead of hoof it. I do think we should switch to 3-5-2, but not because it would suit particular players. We've never used the flank for anything other than crosses; let's learn to walk before we try to run.

Anyway, it's the 'Nations League', which is the most makey uppy competition in sports history. You see, club managers were getting annoyed with players called up for international

friendlies and coming back injured (club soccer is a multi-billion dollar business, international soccer is a FIFA trough with a lot of snouts in it). So they basically re-named friendlies as a 'Nations League', in the hope that somebody would care. Nobody does. I'll swap you a McGrath Cup medal (admittedly, I'd have to borrow) for two Nations League medals. Ireland's results were poor and don't look like getting better anytime soon. But reverting to the same old staid hoofball as yore would be a retrograde step. His approach isn't going to see us leap forward in bounds – again, our talent pool is so shallow that walking on that water wouldn't be a miracle – but we are inching forward at least.

The staff of St John of God's present and past celebrating Nancy Coffey 80th Birthday in The Bianconi Inn Killorglin.



KILLARNEY CELTIC**DENNY PREMIER A FINAL****KILLARNEY CELTIC 4,
KILLARNEY ATHLETIC 0**

Ryan Kelliher (2), Stephen O Mahoney, Shane Lowth Killarney Celtic captured the Denny Premier A title for the 3rd year in a row after a clear cut win over local rivals Killarney Athletic in a final played at Mounthawk Park last Sunday. Celtic hit the front when Stephen O Mahoney headed home from a corner. Shane Lowth doubled the lead after half time before Ryan Kelliher hit a brace to finish proceedings on a high. Well done to the players and management on a fine achievement.

JIMMY FALVEY MEMORIAL CUP

Killarney Celtic 8, Dingle Bay Rovers 2.

Terry Sparling (3), Dylan Callaghan (3), Evan Looney, Erin Moloney

Killarney Celtic Youths finished off their season in tremendous style as they comprehensively beat Dingle Bay Rovers to capture the Jimmy Falvey Memorial Cup. Dylan Callaghan sent the team on their way with an early goal and the team were well clear by half time. Afterwards Dylan Falvey was sent forward to collect the cup named in memory of his late uncle Jimmy. Many thanks to the team sponsors and tee box sponsors for their support of our golf classic. Many thanks to our hosts Beaufort Golf Club and to the organising committee for ensuring that everything ran smoothly.

Killarney Celtic sends its sincerest sympathy to the family of William (Bill) O'Neill, former international FIFA referee, who passed away recently.

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn, 9,14,24,25. No jackpot winner. Match 3 receives €150. Next jackpot €16,000. Tickets available from club members, Hegarty's Park Rd, The Dungeon, Killarney Outlet Centre and online at clubforce.com

MEK GALAXY FC NEWS**TRAINING TIMES****BOYS**

U8's & 7's (2013's & 14's) – Every Saturday -11-12pm (Fos)

U9's (2012's) – Every Saturday -10-11am (Fos)

U10's (2011's) – Every Saturday – 10-11am (Fah)

U13's (2008's) – Every Monday - 4.30-6pm (LP)

U14's (2007's) – Every Tuesday - 6-7pm (LP)

U16's (2006's) – Every Tuesday – 7-8pm (Fah)

U17's (2004's) – Every Thursday -6.30-7.30pm (LP)

GIRLS

U10's (2011) – Every Monday 5-6pm (Fah)

U12's (2009) – Every Monday 6-7pm (Fah)

U13's (2008) – Every Monday 5.30-6.45pm



Killarney Celtic A winners of the Denny Premier A League 2019/20



Killarney Celtic Youth squad winners of the Jimmy Falvey Memorial Cup 2019/20

(Fos)

U15's (2006) – Every Wednesday 6-7pm (Fah)

SENIORS

Tuesdays & Fridays – 7.30-9pm (LP)

Galaxy WFC

MEK's seniors woman's recreational soccer programme is starting Wednesday 16th September in Faha astro pitch from 7-8pm. Fun & football is the goal. All abilities & experience levels welcome. Contact Pa on 087 7943220 for more info.

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CLUB REGISTRATION

Registration for the upcoming season is now open. This payment is taken online through the Klubfunder website or app. Just ask your club coach or check out detail on the club social media.

COACHES WANTED

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GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETIC CLUB

LOTTO

No winner of our lotto draw 04/09/2020, numbers drawn were 8, 12, 14 & 23. Sellers prize winner McCarthy's Shop Gneeveguilla, €50 Y/T prize to Brian O' Connor Forge, €50 to Breeda Teahan O' Keeffes Shop, €40 each too Mary T McCarthy Gneeveguilla, Marie O' Mahoney Knockeenahone & Jimmy Pa Brosnan Mausrou. Bonus not won numbers drawn were 10, 12, 14 & 18. Next week's jackpot €12,000 plus €1,000 bonus.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC

CONGRATULATIONS

To John O'Leary who finished 4th in the gruelling Kerry Way Ultra Nite from Waterville to Killarney in a time of 10hrs56mins which was a PB by 14 mins.

Well done also to Michael Murphy who came 2nd in the 200m in the National Masters T&F Championships.

Jordan Lee had a seasons best with a jump of 1.90m taking silver in the National Seniors/U23 T&F Championships while Sam Griffin competed in the Long Jump in his first National

Seniors and while he was the youngest competitor on the runway, he finished 6th in U23. Well done to them.

We hope to resume training soon on the field beside the playground as the Track is not completed yet. Training will be for existing members only because of Covid19 restrictions. Please keep an eye on your emails and also check our facebook page for any updated information on training.

KILLARNEY RFC NEWS

MINIS RETURN

Our minis made a hugely anticipated return last Saturday at Aghadoe, in glorious sunshine. Proceeding kicked off at 10am as we staggered the starting and finishing times of our Minis based on age. Our U8 train from 10am to 11:30am, our U10's train between 10:15am and 11:45am while our U12's train between 10:30am and 12 midday. Our U12 girls also train at this time.

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to Aghadoe after the enforced 6 month break due to the pandemic. Training continues every Saturday for children aged between 5

and 11. For further details contact our Minis Coordinator Liam Murphy on 087-4145662.

SENIORS WITH COMPREHENSIVE WIN

Last Saturday our seniors returned to action, hosting Castleisland at Aghadoe in the first round of the McElligott Cup. The home side proved too strong for the visitors and proceed to the second round. Very well done to Captain Damian Carroll and his men.

GOLF CLASSIC

The KRFC Golf Classic is due to take place on Friday the 18th of September next at Beaufort Golf Club. Tee times are available between 11am and 3:30pm and cost 200 for a team of 4. Tee box sponsorship also available. Contact any committee member to book a slot of give Club Chairman Ger Moynihan a shout on 087-1240365.

MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

Memberships are now due for the new season with a cut off date of 30th of September. The club has a very strict 'No Pay - No Play' policy in place so please pay the memberships now. Download the Clubzap app to pay.

Killarney Seniors *Kick Off Season* Against Castleisland

By Seamus McCrough in Aghadoe

Following a tough pre-season regime, Killarney RFC Seniors first round McElligott Cup fixture on a well presented pitch at Aghadoe was a welcome sight in current circumstances, albeit in front of notably sparse sidelines.

With Covid-19 measures in place, Castleisland kicked off the 2020/21 season as both teams headed for uncharted territory. For Killarney, with a new coaching group at the helm, it was a chance to see if pre-season preparations could be put into practice.

Credit to the visitors, who stuck to the task for the full 80 minutes, but as the evening unfolded, it was the hosts who made the most of their dominant possession, using powerful, well-supported line breaks with ball in hand to put points on the board. Defensively, it was only penalty kicks that added to the opposition's tally, however, with new emphasis on the breakdown now, Killarney will want to ensure those penalties are minimised in future endeavours. Work has clearly already begun on the set piece with a well organised line-out delivering a range of attacking options and spoiling opposition ball in defence, even with a shuffled pack at half time. Whilst there's still room to improve the scrummage, debutant prop Colin McCarthy handled himself well, showing great versatility and team spirit to also fill in at hooker. In fact, he ended the game in the centres capping a fine



performance with a well taken try in the last move of the match. Brendan Fuller also made a positive influence on proceedings, not only kicking well off the tee but also forming part of a strong back three, all of whom enjoyed attacking returns. A special mention must go to the referee too, who communicated with both sides effectively throughout. Overall though, it was the positive attitude and team effort that won the day.

Captain O'Carroll said, "It's a solid start but we're under no illusions, it's going to be a long season ahead. I'm really proud of the

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Our Seniors return to socially distant training at Aghadoe on Mondays at 7:30pm and Thursdays at 8:00pm, with new players always welcome.

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- St Oliver's (Ms O'Brien's) Church of Resurrection [10.30am]
- Gaelscoil Faithleann - Church of Resurrection [12.30]
- Scoil Bhride Loreto - Muckross [10am]

Sept 19th:

- Presentation Monastery Cathedral [10am]
- St Oliver's (Ms Moloney's) - Church of Resurrection [10.30am]
- St Oliver's (Ms Fenton's) - Church of Resurrection [12.30pm]

Confirmations in St Mary's Cathedral Sept 26th

- Tiernaboul & Lissivigeen [10am]
- Oct 3rd Gaelscoil & St Oliver's (Mr O'Donoghue's) [10am]
- St Oliver's (Mr Galvin's & Ms O'Carroll's) [1pm] Oct 10th
- Holy Cross Mercy & Scoil Bhride Loreto [10am]

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The Bishops of Ireland are encouraging and recommending that all those attending Mass wear a face covering/mask/visor while in the Church, unless you can't for medical reasons or Children 12 and younger.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021

For your planning, please note that bookings for 1st Anniversary Masses only will be taken at the Parish Office on Tuesday Oct 13th and all others Mass Intentions can be arranged from Wednesday Oct 14 onwards. Call into Parish Office only on those days - no bookings will be taken over the phone that week

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- Feeling pressure to get good results for the course or career you want.
- Feeling under pressure from parents and family who may expect you to get good results.
- Feeling overwhelmed by the future and the choices that you have to make.
- Feeling overwhelmed by changes such as starting a new chapter in your life, leaving home, separating from friends.
- Feeling under pressure to make quick decisions this year following the impact of Covid 19.

If the results are not what you wanted them to be, then you may be feeling devastated, stunned, and unable to see things logically and struggling to think of the many options available to you. Remember however that you have many options and it is important to remain positive and realise that it is not the end of all your plans and hopes. Some of your options include:

- Speak to Your Guidance Counsellor
- Repeat Leaving Cert Year
- Some PLC courses will enable you to access third level.
- Apprenticeships/Practical training opportunities
- Appeal your results

Talk to others about your worries – friends may also be going through the same problems and it will really help to talk about it. If you are feeling really down don't suffer in silence, talk to your parents, phone the Samaritans or talk to your doctor. Consider seeing a counsellor. There is a lot of support out there for you and you will get through this difficult time.

The National Parents Council Post Primary operate a helpline for anyone who needs support after the results or check the website <http://www.npcpp.ie/leaving-cert-helpline>. The service is provided by Guidance Counsellors who will give advice to both students and their parents. It is expected that the helpline will continue to operate for leaving cert 2020. The helpline number is 1800 265 165 and will be available for advice on the first round CAO offers which will be published earlier this year. For up to date information check the CAO website <http://www.cao.ie>

Remember, if you failed an exam it is not the end of the world. You are not a failure - you are still a good person, just a good person who failed an exam. It may mean that you have to repeat, so there's a delay of plans, your future is still waiting. It may mean that you have to change your plans; being flexible you may just end up doing something you are even more suited to.

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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader, spirits of fear and anxiety are harassing people to breaking point, have you noticed? There is an atmosphere of fear that is as heavy as the air before a thunderstorm. But a good blast of thunder always clears murky air! In the Bible, God spoke to His people many times, but others who heard Him thought His voice sounded like frightening thunder. When someone doesn't know God's Word they cannot hear His voice, and instead hear Him through the devil's channel of fear. The power of Almighty God is a supernatural force that cannot be contained, and His glory is being poured out upon this earth and everyone will see it. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken, and only the unshakeable things will remain (Hebrews 12:18-29).

The glory of God is not to be feared for those whose hearts know Him. However, for people who have rejected God's Word, His glory is a fearsome, deadly thing. Right now we are seeing the devil pouring out every weapon in his arsenal. Fear, strife, rebellion, lawlessness and terror are being dispensed in torrents, which are having the effect of creating confusion and extreme stress in people. Jesus prophesied that 'men's hearts would fail for the fear of what will come upon the earth' and we are witnesses of the beginnings of what are known as the end times.

It is time to get serious with God friend. Are you acquainted with Him? This is not an intellectual question about what you know about God with your head knowledge. I'm asking you do you have a relationship with Him through His Son Jesus? God loves you. His plans are written in your book of life in Heaven, but until you come into a real relationship with Him, you are subject to living defenceless under the influence of the god of this world – Satan and his terrors.

We enter into relationship with God by accepting the sacrifice made by His Son Jesus – the Lamb of God. The Lord Jesus took away our sins and gave us His righteousness so that we could be made right with God as if we have never sinned. When we repent and make Jesus Lord of every part of our lives we receive His peace (John 14:27).

"Submit to God and you will have peace; then things will go well for you. Listen to His instructions and store them in your heart....and you will be restored – so clean up your life!" (Job 22:21-30). Stop running from God – run to Him, be refreshed and be still. (Psalm 23; Psalm 46)

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